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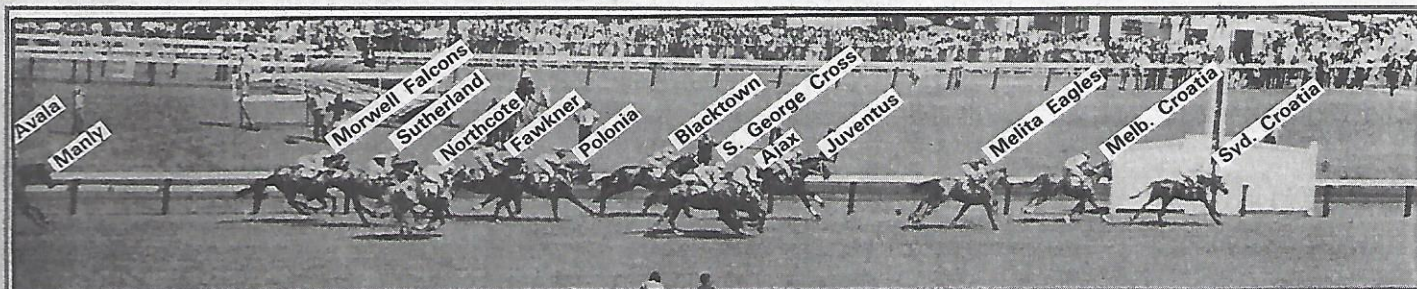
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Unsolved

An ASF sub-committee meeting agreed at the weekend to a 24-team NSL in 1984, but the issue of promotion and relegation remains unsolved.

The Victorian federation wants the last-placed of the Victorian teams in the southern region relegated and replaced with the champion team of the Victorian State League — even if that means relegating a team that finishes in 6th position (there will be eight Victorian clubs in the southern section).

The NSW federation wants a similar system to operate in the Northern Region.

It is likely that instead of fielding second-string teams in federation leagues, as they do at the moment, the Victorian NSL clubs will form their own youth league, whose teams will be allowed a certain number of over-age players.

The scramble to join soccer's new-look 24-team regionalised league has turned virtually into a horse-race.

Similarities include: checking out the form; considering the handicaps; framing the odds about success; telling lies about your own 'mount' to fool the opposition; boasting about your breeding and pulling the wool over the stewards' eyes.

So here's the 'field' for what amounts to soccer's Australian Cup.

The numbers before each club name denote

the club's league positions in the past three seasons.

The odds are about

2, 2, 2 — CROATIA (Vic)

Odds 3/1 on

President: Joe Sigur
Coach: John Gardiner, dual Rothmans Medalist while with George Cross. Also played for Hellas, Ajax, Croatia, now plays for Hamlyn Rangers.
Usual team: Blasby — Curcio, Parton, Adams, Bilaver, Biskic, Antolovic, Cumming, Gojevic — Latif, Brogan.

Top players: Tommy Cumming (13 goals, ex-Sunshine, 12 games for Australia); Keith Adams (captain, ex-Wilhelmina); Tony Curcio, ex-Juventus, Atlanta City.

Osse Latif (11 goals, ex-Kellor Austria, former Metropolitan League Player of the Year).

Josip Biskic and **Jozo Antolovic**, both from Croatia.

Average support: about 1500.

Expected following in NSL: 3000 — 4000.

Present budget: \$300,000.

Ground: Olympic Park.

1, 3, 5 — MELITA EAGLES

Odds 2/1 on

President: Emmanuel Said
Coach: Raul Blanco, also assistant coach of young Socceros. Formerly coached St George, Budapest, Marconi, Argentinian-born.

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Micky Cross, Alex Jamieson, both from Olympic.

Paul Daley, Australian youth international.

Billy Griffith, ex-St George.

Average support: about 1000.

Expected following in NSL: Over 2000.

Present budget: \$180,000.

Expected NSL budget: \$275,000.

Ground: Melita Stadium.

In the past two and a half years the club has poured just on \$250,000 into improving its facilities. Melita Stadium has a superb playing surface, seats 3000 and is well floodlit. By the end of this season the club hopes to have finished a \$12,000 project to install underground sprinklers and improve drainage.

their chances of being included in the 1984 NSL.

One "dark horse" not included is a Penrith team yet to be foaled. We are unaware of the sire or dam, and the stable remains a closely-guarded secret.

South Australian

runners are seen at the moment, only as "emergencies", so their form won't be considered until we have scratchings.

Likewise with Tasmania.

Unfortunately for Queensland, the stewards have declared their track unsuitable.

If you're having a punt, remember that your place bet covers three horses.... er,

clubs... in NSW and four in Victoria.

(In other words, the NSL wants four new clubs from Melbourne and three from Sydney).

All entrants are submitting a number of names for approval. For example, Northcote City is blessed with endless possibilities in case of copyright breaches, e.g. Eraklis, Princes Park, Collingwood, Princes Park Hercules.... or

even Northcote!

Blacktown City can fall back on Toongabbie if necessary.

Juventus could use Brunswick or Brunswick City but copyright rulings... not to mention bloodline pride... would rule out any changes.

And if you try to make Croatia into anything else, it would be like changing Phar Lap's name to Ivica.

Ethnic witch-hunt over?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Soccer's ethnic witch-hunt may be over.

To boost its coffers, the National League wants the supporters of the major ethnic clubs in the Victorian and NSW State Leagues.

Those supporters are Croatian, Italian, Maltese and Polish.

The Croatian, Maltese and Polish communities are not yet represented in the NSL.

And the NSL realises that there is no sense whatsoever in inviting such clubs to join if, at the same time, it denies those clubs their traditional names.

The Croatian community in particular, is so proud of its name that it would boycott the NSL in large numbers if the NSL were to force a name change.

More to the point, the community itself probably would boycott the club that agreed to such a name change.

In the case of Juventus (Vic), the club would argue that Juventus is no more "ethnic" than Marconi. Whereas the latter denotes the name of an Italian inventor, the former means "youth" in Latin.

The NSL is restructuring its competition because it is in financial straits.

If it forces new clubs to change their names, it would be like a drowning man clutching not at a straw, but at a life-jacket made of concrete.

Out of all this, we come up with one of the most curious comparisons in the history of soccer in Australia.

It is the Australian Soccer Federation, made up of the States, which started the anti-ethnic witch-hunt (of which the Victorian Metropolitan League is the staunchest exponent).

It is the ASF which persuaded the NSL to drop "ethnic" (what's ethnic anyway?) names, yet the State Leagues continue to delight in the revenue generated by names like Croatia, Juventus, Melita, Avala, Polonia, Wilhelmina etc.

Now the NSL wants to know: Why have we been made to suffer financially and morally?

Why has West Adelaide lost so many of the Greek people attracted by the name Hellas?

Why have so many Italians stayed away from Adelaide City which was Juventus during its most glorious years?

Why is Hakoah in turmoil over its very existence after having, through its name change to Sydney City, denied its Jewish heritage?

Why shouldn't J.U.S.T. (Jugoslav United Sports Team) be proud of that link with the Yugoslav community?

And APIA is quite right in asking whether the Italians of Sydney have forgotten about "Leichhardt's" association with the Italian community.

Leading NSL administrators are saying now that there is "more tolerance" about clubs wishing to feel proud of their identities.

"Soccer Action" has been saying so since we started production in 1978!



• Biskic • Antolovic

but awaiting lease from Sunshine Council for 24 acres in Sunshine.

Team requirements: Has a very strong squad and probably would need no new players.

"We would want to be in the top competition, and I hope everything works out. Under the 24-team NSL proposal, we'd have four big games in Melbourne every weekend, which would be great for soccer."

There's been some talk about clubs having to change their names, but if the NSL wants the help of our supporters, why would they want to chase the supporters away? — JOE SIGUR, President

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"We're a progressive club. By that I mean that we don't have any debts. That's because we have a very sound administration. We want to play in the best competition in Australia, it's as simple as that. We're buying land next to our stadium and we'll complete the building of a licensed club on this land within two years. The whole project will cost around \$1 million." — LAWRENCE DI-MECH, secretary.

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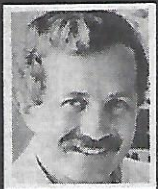
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Player payments are crippling our clubs

IN FOCUS

by PETER SCOTT



IT is obvious that one of the major causes of the near-schism in soccer ranks has been the spiralling cost of running soccer clubs, mainly, but not exclusively, in the NSL.

Money is supposed to be the root of all evil.

Soccer, it seems, is no exception.

Confusing talk about the burden of air fares has, unfortunately, clouded the issue. TAA's soccer account is no doubt a sizeable one, but travel is only a small part of the financially ruinous expenditure pattern in our sport.

The biggest millstone around our clubs is the amount paid to Australian players.

The clubs are guilty of committing ritual suicide by paying transfer fees, wages and signing-on fees which bear absolutely no relation to the skill and crowd-pulling ability of their "stars", or to today's financial realities.

Many NSL clubs have shown an absolutely appalling lack of expertise in financial management.

Take for instance perennial champion Sydney City Hawks.

After wasting huge sums for years, its board of directors suddenly wanted to fold up and drop out of soccer.

Determined action by the club's members torpedoed that ludicrous course of action and now — surprise, surprise — it has been discovered that a very good team can be maintained for half the previous cost.

Similarly, West Adelaide

Hellas reduced its budget by an incredible two-thirds, while St George Budapest has also jettisoned hundreds of thousands in unnecessary expenditure.

What's more, Hakoah and the Saints are well in the running for the title, too.

Reckless Newcomers?

What does worry me is that just as NSL clubs are beginning to come to their senses, at least in some instances, there is the distinct possibility of some reckless newcomers restoring collective anarchy.

It was suggested last week that two NSL aspirants, Melita Eagles and Sydney Croatia, are in the big-money bracket.

One can only hope that the established NSL clubs will have the strength to withstand the inflationary pressures the Melitas and Croatias of this world may induce if they join the ranks next season.

Name of the game

Did you note NSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozetta's little remark in the media a few days ago?

Namely, that he sees nothing terribly objectionable in

having a team named Croatia in the league.

And, I assume, an APIA or a Hakoah, either.

Is this a dangerous outbreak of common sense and dare one say democracy in the soccer ranks?

Silly season

NSL semi-finals and finals will be on again in 1984, the "Sydney Morning Herald" announced last week.

They needn't have after all, every soccer aficionado worth his salt knows that they are put on every second year, or thereabouts.

The problem with these end-of-year festivities is not, of course, with the system employed, but rather with the organisation and promotion of it.

Not to mention the financial incentives or lack of them.

Just ask last year's lucky grand final winner, St George Budapest.

Moolah Moolah

My "Soccer Action" colleague Peter Katholos last week mused about why Joe Watson was interested in joining Sydney Olympic earlier this year.

The answer is one word: money and lots of it.

7, 1, 1 — CROATIA (NSW)

Odds 4/1 on

President: Tony Topic.

Coch: Josip Kuze, played with the mighty Dinamo Zagreb for 10 years. Toured Australia with Dinamo during its last Australian visit in 1981. He joined APIA that year but switched to Sydney Croatia last year. He's now a non-playing coach.

Usual team: Watson, A. Kovacic, Woods, Tomasich, Basic, Sterry, Rezo, Savor, Arnold, M. Kovacic, Vidalic.

Top players: Graeme Arnold, striker, bought from Canterbury Marrierville for \$10,000. Only 19.

Peter Hensman, winger, bought from Sydney Olympic in 1980 for \$7,000.

Wally Savor, from Croatia's juniors, has played in all three lines — defence, midfield and attack.

Marian Kovacic, also from the juniors, plays in midfield or up front.

Alex Kovacic, full back, Bruno Vidalic, bench with the club for five years. Signed from Auburn.

Brett Woods, defender, former Australian youth international. Signed from Sydney City Hawks.

Average support: 1500

Expected following in NSL 2000

Present budget: \$200,000

Expected budget in NSL: \$250,000

Ground: King Tomislav Park. Croatia has plans for a

5, 1, 1, 3 — JUVENTUS (Vic)

Odds 2/1 on

President: Sam Manenti.

Coch: John Margaritis, formerly with South Melbourne Hellas, Heidelberg Alexander and West Adelaide Hellas in NSL. Played for Hellas and Alexander.

Usual team: Clayton — V. Bannon, P. Bannon, Driozky, Hird — G. Bannon, Roger Incantalupo — Zinni, French, Lloyd.

Top players: The Bannon brothers — Pat (Rothmans Medalist, ex-Alexander), Vince (dual Rothmans Medalist, ex-Alexander, Hellas, Frankston) and Ged (ex-George Cross, Frankston).

Billy Rogers, ex-Hellas, APIA, Auburn, Sunshine, former Socceroo.

Fabio Incantalupo, six goals in 28 games for Australian youth team.

Average support: about 1000

Expected following in NSL 2000 — 3000

Present budget: \$250,000

Ground: Olympic Park No. 2, but at the moment, finalising lease for 14 acres

3, 1, 1 — GREEN GULLY AJAX

Odds: evens

President: Guy Spiteri.

Coch: David Smallman, appointed player-coach to replace Len McKendry. Played for Wales, Everton, Wrexham.

Usual team: Denys — Peter Lewis, Cannell, Short, Hogben — Vassallo, Boyle, Smallman, Williams — Toal, Paul Lewis.

Top players: Paul Lewis, league top scorer last year and again leading the scorers' list this season; Peter Lewis, 1982 Bill Fie-



Savor Kovacic

grandstand before its local council. If it gets into the NSL, it will build a \$500,000 grandstand with seating, under cover, for 5,000. The current capacity of King Tomislav is about 15,000.

Team requirements: Croatia needs a top-class midfielder and another fine winger to be a force in the NSL. The club already has a big squad and is happy with its quality and depth but feels that just two more specialist players in the above mentioned positions would top off its side.

Sponsorship: Croatia doesn't need a major sponsor. It already enjoys backing from the Croatian club in Bankstown and the King Tomislav club, both with licensed premises.

"If Sydney Croatia doesn't deserve to be in the NSL, then there isn't a club in Australia which deserved to be in that league. We have a good team, good facilities, and a huge support. What more do we need?"

— TONY TOPIC, president.

Incantalupo P. Bannon in Victoria Street, Brunswick.

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Willie Vassallo, former captain of Malta;

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They're racing

From page one

Peter Boyle, ex-Makedonia, West Adelaide Hellas; Stuart Cannell, ex-Altona City.

Average support: about 400.

Expected following in NSL: at least 1000.

Ground: Green Gully Reserve, St Albans.

Team requirements:

Perhaps one. "Ajax is putting soccer on the map in the Western Suburbs and we've been doing so for the past four years. We've got facilities worth more than a quarter of a million dollars, plus an entire complex of soccer pitches." — ARNOLD LANGER, Ajax treasurer.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS

9, 8, 12 — Sunshine 8, 5, 8 — George Cross

Odds: evens

First year since amalgamation. George Cross formed in 1947, Sunshine in 1950.

President: Alf Zahra.

Coch: Tommy Traynor, joined this year from Scotland where he played for Hearts, Dundee Utd., Morton, Falkirk, Cowdenbeath where he also coached.

Usual team: Contini — Richardson, O'Reilly, Scerri, Taylor — Stevenson, Bennett, Kerr — Bain, Gilder, Pate.

Top players: Chris Taylor, star left back, who joined from England a few years ago, together with Roger Bain.

Carl Gilder, Victorian State representative, ex-Croatia, Slavia;

John Stevenson, former Socceroo, ex-Sydney Hawks, St. Melb Hellas.

Jim O'Reilly, ex-J.U.S.T., Alexander, Slavia;

Steve Richardson, ex-Glasgow Rangers.

Average support: about 1000.

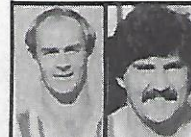
Expected following in NSL: 2000 — plus.

Present budget: about \$120,000.

Ground: Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine.

Team requirements: 4-5 players.

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Blacktown finished 3rd in State League last year, 15th in a 16-team NSL in 1981 and 11th in a 14-team NSL in 1980.

Coch: Casey de Bruin. Was appointed for another two years a fortnight ago.

Usual team: Freeman — Wheatley, Rasmussen, Pointer, Brogan, Salvage, Turnbull, Stoddart, Walker, McLaughlin, Kirwan.

Top players: Many current Blacktown players played with the club in its two seasons in NSL ranks. Full back Rob Wheatley is a former Socceroo youth international and is commonly regarded as one of the finest fullbacks in the country. Striker Paul Kirwan has represented his native Northern Ireland.

Average support: close to 1,000.

Expected following in NSL: about 2000. The club averaged a 3,100 gate at home during its two NSW seasons and expects this figure to rise with its re-inclusion in the league.

Present budget: \$150,000.

Expected budget in NSL: Club refused to comment on this matter. "We have no intention of wasting our time in projecting a budget for participation in a competition whose format is so uncertain at present," said secretary-manager Peter Thorne.

Ground: Gabbie Stadium. Prevailing opinion would place Gabbie perhaps third in Sydney, behind Marconi Stadium and St. George's ground. The seating capacity of Gabbie is 1,600. The ground capacity is 8,500.

Team requirements: Blacktown certainly needs a number of new players to



Kirwan Wheatley

compete effectively in the NSL. The club however, continues to have an enviable year set-up. In 1981, 20 youth players were inducted into the club's academy, as part of its super-kids' program. Of this group, 17 will graduate at the end of this year and rejoin competitive soccer. In October this year, another 20 kids will be withdrawn from competitive soccer and will undergo the super-kids course, which involves 600 hours training a year, essentially on the skill aspect of the game. It's what Blacktown calls bringing the Institute of Sport concept down to neighbourhood level.

Sponsorship: Blacktown's major sponsor, Radio Rentals, ends its agreement with the club this year. The club will look at re-negotiating this deal. However, Blacktown doesn't need sponsorship to survive in the NSL. It has a fine licensed club with 2,000 members. The club is operating on a profit like of which it hasn't enjoyed in its seven-year existence. Importantly, Blacktown owns Gabbie Stadium, surely a rarity in Australian soccer.

"Blacktown can't play in anything else than the best would play in Polish community complex to be set up in Sunshine.

Team requirements: 3 or 4 new players. Already, Stanislav Karas, 28, a forward from St. Slaska, has been signed, and negotiations are under way for a 21-year-old midfielder from Scottish club Queen's Park.

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JOHN PATER, team manager.

Expected following in NSL: 2000.

Major sponsor: Odra Trav-

Present budget: about \$150,000.

Only second season back in State League.

President: Mike Zurck.

Coch: Leszek Dzielakowski — former Motor Lublin goalkeeper appointed player-coach three weeks ago.

Usual team: Dzielakowski — Lipiarski, McCuskey, Mila, Smolarek — Tront, P. Czapiak, A. Czapiak, Petrov — Marshall, Przybyla.

Top players: Stefan Mila, Victorian State representative, ex-Gwardia Warsaw and former Polish Olympic representative;

Janusz Przybyla, striker, ex-Motor Lublin, 11 goals this year;

Alex Marshall, striker, ex-Richmond, Moreland;

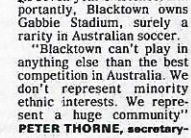
Andy Czapiak, midfielder, longest-serving Polonia player, having served the club since the late sixties, with the exception of a stint with Western Suburbs.

Average support: 700-800

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Mila

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in the NSL Cup

Federation soccer — born in revolt!

—, —, — FAWKNER

Odds 2/1

First year in State League.

President: Greg Schipano.
Coach: Cedo Cirkovic, ex-Footscray J.U.S.T., where he also played.

Usual team: Terzini, Sabbadini, Kondorics, Fator, Schipano — B. Sabidussi, C. Sabidussi, Bozakis — Palinkas, Tuffield, Cozzella.

Top players: Ian Tuffield, top scorer last year, used as stop-gap centre back early this season, now back at centre forward (ex-Box Hill, Macedonia).

Ground: Smith Reserve, Fawkner.

Team requirements: Fawkner has a very large squad, which includes also Mel Anselma, Robert Palmari, John Sannipoli, Mike Giacomi, and Ralph Petrocelli, but probably needs a couple of tough midfielders.

“Our members want to see our club playing in the highest league in the land and we, as a committee, fully support their wishes. We'll give it a real go. In the old days, we got excited if we drew 100 spectators to our home games, now we're disappointed if we don't get 2000.” — SAM PIZZO, secretary.

Expected support: about 1200.
Expected following in NSL: 1800-2000.

Major sponsors: Schipano Home Furnishers, Florence Imports.



Cirkovic Terzini

Present budget: about \$200,000.

Ground: Smith Reserve, Fawkner.

Team requirements: Fawkner has a very large squad, which includes also Mel Anselma, Robert Palmari, John Sannipoli, Mike Giacomi, and Ralph Petrocelli, but probably needs a couple of tough midfielders.

“Our members want to see our club playing in the highest league in the land and we, as a committee, fully support their wishes. We'll give it a real go. In the old days, we got excited if we drew 100 spectators to our home games, now we're disappointed if we don't get 2000.” — SAM PIZZO, secretary.

Expected support: about 1200.
Expected following in NSL: 1800-2000.

Major sponsors: Schipano Home Furnishers, Florence Imports.

—, 9, 13 — NORTHCOTE CITY

Odds 10/1

Second year in State League.

President: Nick Kyriakopoulos.

Coach: Tony Vrzina, ex-Macedonia, Croatia, Slavia, Bulleen.

Usual team: Gnanopoulos — Cutler Creany, Bozakis, Wilson — Moore, Quigley, Wright — Sahinidis, Tsetsos, Culina.

Top players: Colin Quigley, midfielder from Slavia; Steve Moore, midfielder, ex-Western Suburbs and Slavia.

Sammy Wright, ex-Wolves and Hellas; George Bozakis, captain, had short stint with Hellas; Branko Culina, ex-Blacktown, Sydney Croatia, Melbourne Croatia, St. Albans.

Average support: about 700.

Expected following in NSL: about 1500.

President budget: about \$110,000.

Ground: John Cain Reserve, Thornbury.

Team requirements: five top-class players.

“We've built an entirely new team this year for about \$75,000.”



Culina Moore

000, we have covered a \$48,000 debt left over from last year, we have a \$750,000 grandstand paid for by the Northcote Council, and in about two months we will have completed \$108,000 clubrooms under the stand. In addition, we've contacted all the Provisional League and the Australian League clubs in the area, to try to get them under our wing and get them supporting Northcote City as well. And, of course, we'll be applying for a liquor licence as soon as the social rooms are finished. This is an untapped area as far as top soccer is concerned, and it definitely would benefit the NSL.”

TONY VRZINA, manager-coach.

11, 7, 6 — MANLY WARRINGAH

Odds 30/1

President: George Dick.

Coach: Jim Hughes, former assistant to Gerry Chaldi and Eddie Thomson at Sydney City Hakoah and former Manly Warringah players.

Usual team: Cassatari, Williamson, Noble, Doyle, K. Falconer, Scott, Jones, Vale, Smith, P. Falconer, Stuart.

Top players: Bruce Doyle, long-serving centre back; Chris Cassatari, goalkeeper, local product.

Terry Smith, the goal-scoring machine, ex-Sydney City Hakoah and St. George. The Falconer brothers, Peter and Keith, both ex-Deerby County. Keith Falconer is a former England youth international.

Average support: about 400.

Expected budget: \$38,000 (player and coaching wages only).

Expected budget in NSL: \$100,000 (player and coaching wages only).

Ground: Cromer Park. Will be developed into one of the best complexes in the NSW State League. The club owns two acres next to the main pitch and hopes to complete its clubhouse complex by the end of this year. Once completed, this asset will be worth around \$500,000. The ground at Cromer is fully fenced, with a good public address system and press box. Seating capacity is 1,000, standing capacity is 8,000. The seating capacity will be doubled if Manly Warringah is admitted to the NSL.

LAURIE HAYNES, secretary.



Smith Hughes

Team requirements: Four or five newcomers to make the club really competitive in the NSL.

Sponsorship: The club is looking already for a major sponsor for 1984. It has excellent licensed premises next to its ground, which is its main source of revenue. Nearly 8,000 junior and senior players participate in Manly Warringah's local amateur association.

“The north shore of Sydney, which is an area almost one-third of the total city size, isn't represented in the NSL. We offer the NSL a whole new area of support, a good local team and a strong administration. However, we will apply in accordance with our position on the NSW State League ladder. If four teams are wanted from NSW then the NSL should invite applications from the top four of our State League. Let's say, for argument's sake, that we finish fifth. We will apply for entry to the NSL only if one of the four teams above us has been approached and declines.”

GEORGE DICK, president and chairman of the NSW State League.

9, 5, 4 — SUTHERLAND

Odds 12/1

Coach: John Watkins, also NSW state coach. Made 31 appearances for Australia, 23 in full international. Nicknamed “The Horse”. A coach who enjoys an outstanding reputation.

Usual team: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schumann, Dalferno, Cashman, Harrison, Clinch, Beggs, Groome, Rogers.

Top players: Sutherland prides itself on producing top-class players from the local area. Only Vic Dalferno and Nigel Groome, out of the present first team squad, did not come up through the juniors. Dalferno though has been in the club for eight seasons and now lives in the Sutherland area.

Mal Haynes, goalkeeper, played with Sydney City when that famous club won the first of its many National League titles back in 1977.

Keith Schumann, stopper. Nigel Groome, runner-up in the NSW Rothmans medal in 1981.

Average support: about 600.

Expected following in NSL: around 1000.

Present budget: \$75,000.

Expected budget in NSL: \$160,000.

Ground: Seymour Shaw. Fully enclosed. The club enjoys a year-round lease. The uncovered stands seats about 1,200. Other seating around the ground increases the seating capacity to 2,500 in all. The ground capacity is just over 7,000.

Team requirements: Need



Dalferno Watkins

just three top-class newcomers. That doesn't necessarily involve a huge transfer market outlay. Sutherland has in excess of 9,000 juniors playing in its local association. That's the strength of the club. It has the biggest breeding ground in the land.

Sponsorship: No main sponsor. The club however, has a number of small sponsors. The big news is that Sutherland has a major business house in the local area keen to back the club if it gains a place in the NSL. For the past 15 years, Sutherland has had licensed premises.

“We've already made a verbal application to the NSL. We deserve to play in the best league. Unlike some others we've got a long history — 48 years to be precise. We haven't shut up overnight. We represent one of the enormous growth areas in soccer in this country and the importance of that can't be overstated. Our club is very closely associated with the many juniors in our area.”

LAURIE HAYNES, secretary.

—, —, 4 — MORWELL FALCONS

Odds 25/1

Second year in State League.

President: Dom DiFabrizio.

Coach: Tony Boggi, former State and national coach, ex-Alexander, Juventus, Frankston, Keilor-Australian, Fawkner.

Usual team: Whiteside — Bingham, Irvine, Higham, Train — Young, MacLean, O'Callaghan — Mitten, Evans, McGuinness.

Top players: Jim MacLean, former Brisbane Lions midfielder; Bill Whiteside, goalkeeper, ex-Slavia and Frankston.

Alun Evans, ex-Liverpool, Walsall, South Melbourne Hellas;

Bobby McGuinness, 1980 Rothmans Medalist, ex-Sydney Hakoah;

Sth Melbourne Hellas, J.U.S.T., Townsville Utd; Noel Mitten, ex-Croatia, Hellas;

Sandy Irvine, ex-Socceroo, played for Juventus.

Average support: about 600.

Expected following in NSL: about 1500.



Evans Whiteside

Present budget: about \$100,000.

Ground: North Crinigan Reserve, Morwell.

Team requirements: about six.

“The NSL is looking only at increasing the number of spectators for the present NSL clubs, and Morwell Falcons couldn't help much in that regard, because of the distance between Morwell and Melbourne. We would, of course, increase our home crowds significantly. We will apply for membership, of course, but we probably won't be successful.”

— DON DI FABRIZIO, president

6, 11, 10 — AVALA

Odds 35/1

Coach: Branimir Krstic, brought here as a player by Rale Rasic in 1981. At the time Rasic coached Blacktown in the NSL.

Usual team: Ahrens, McKenzie, Deller, Butts, Vujanovic, Milne, Houseni, Muniz, Tili, Fernandez, Burrows.

Top players: Agenor Muniz, made 36 appearances for Australia, 18 in full international, has played for Adelaide City, Sydney City Hakoah.

Houseni Houseni, ex-Sydney Olympic, Marconi. Former Iranian international.

Paul Burrows, ex-APIA, Blacktown, striker. Recovering from injury. A noted scorer.

Average support: About 400.

Expected following in NSL: About 1200.

Present budget: \$70,000.

Expected budget in NSL: \$200,000.

Ground: Knight Park. No seating. Club plans to apply



Krstic Houseni

for a lease to move to the Serbian Australian Centre at Bonnyrigg where a complex is under construction.

Team requirements: Would need at least three top class players and the club itself sees the signing of another first rate striker as a priority.

Sponsorship: No main sponsors.

“The Serbian community in Sydney is very strong and deserves to be represented at the highest level of club soccer in Australia. Our people rightly demand to watch Avala competing against the best.”

— NICK ZARICH, secretary

One-time South Melbourne Hellas midfielder Ken Drakeford faces the most formidable challenge in his career, having accepted the post of player-coach with Rothman's New Zealand National League club Dunedin Technical.

When Drakeford took over, Technical, in its first National League campaign, had gained

Drakeford coaching

just two points from its opening dozen games.

Under its new coach, the South Islanders have secured a first victory, but at the time of writing lie 11 points behind perennial team Gisborne City, with only seven games remaining. If the Englishman can save Technical from relegation, he can lay claim to being a genuine miracle worker.

Drakeford came to Australia in 1982 after playing for Sheffield Wednesday and Wolverhampton Wanderers but was unable to break into the first team of either.

He made 12 PSL appearances for Hellas and then returned to the northern hemisphere, being engaged by semi-professional clubs in England and Sweden before moving Down Under again.

“I enjoyed my time in Melbourne,” he recalls. “The playing standard was high and I got involved in coaching young players — which was tremendously rewarding.”

Despite playing for a team seemingly doomed to demotion, the diminutive, lively linkman has already established himself as the biggest crowd pleaser in Otago since Steve Woodin left Dunedin City, with his skill, enthusiasm and aggression.

— PAUL MOON

Getting older has precious few advantages. One, however, is that you can watch, with some mild amusement, how history repeats itself.

During last week's speculation about the NSL perhaps breaking away from the ASF, memories started flooding back. I remembered for example — with the aid of old, yellowing magazines — how it all happened last year, in 1956. It's worth recalling that the 1956 break in NSW — which then became nationwide — started over two main issues: money and personalities.

Sure, there were some principles involved, too. The original argument in Sydney boiled down to a struggle between migrants and those Australians who, having grown up in the 1920s, refused to accept them.

An open prejudice existed in the old Association and its stacked councils against migrant clubs, most of whom were repeatedly refused admission to the First Division, regardless of their results.

This irritated not only the migrants but also many decent Australians who felt that standards and attendances would improve if their teams played against migrant clubs. The cementing force between new and old was the recently deceased Andy Burton, first president and rightfully dubbed “Father” of the new NSW Federation.

A major issue at stake was the violent clash of personalities on the opposing sides. The migrant clubs — Prague, Hakoah, Sydney Austral, APIA — produced a host of fresh, capable, soccer-loving officials in Walter Sternberg, Karl Rodny, Harry Lakmaker, Jim Bayutti, Bill Kadish and others. Their main antagonist was Syd Storey, then an MLA from Hornsby.

Storey's empire, the Australian Soccer Football Association, had been carefully constructed with the help of gerrymandering, built up with the



By ANDREW DETTRE

CALL THAT PROMOTION!

The actual break-away from the old NSW Association came after the 1956 season, at the strong initiative of Hakoah.

The NSW First Division those days consisted of 10 teams — without promotion and relegation. Teams which finished last — but held a share in the Association — simply were re-elected for the next season.

The strongest “New Australian” clubs all played in the Southern League's First Division — the level below the First Division. In 1952 the Dutch-based Sydney Austral (which was forced to shed its earlier name of Hollandia) finished first and Europa (forerunner of today's St George-Budapest) came sixth. Sydney Austral was NOT promoted.

In 1953 Sydney Austral and Europa (originally called Ferencvaros but also forced to drop its ethnic name) finished fourth and seventh; Prague was in the Second Division of the Southern League.

In 1954 Sydney Austral finished first again, ahead of Hakoah with Europa eighth; still, no promotion for any. Prague, however, won its way through from the Second Division to the first.

Finally, in 1955, when Prague won the First Division of the Southern League with Sydney Austral second, both were allowed to join the NSW First Division. Not promoted; instead of relegating two teams, they simply expanded the size from 10 to 12 clubs.

Also in 1955, Hakoah finished third behind Prague and Sydney Austral and demanded promotion.

When this was rejected, a series of meetings was called — and the rebellion was on.

aid of secretary Francis Roy Druery, in private life secretary of the Newcastle West Hospital.

The ASFA Ltd. was formed in the mid-1920s, had Storey as its chairman and, with one exception (the NSW representative) had Storey's close associates from all states as directors.

The ASFA Ltd was only a shadow more democratic than the Kremlin.

In Victoria, for instance, all the clubs combined had four votes on the executive while men not answerable to the clubs held 12. In South Australia where the situation was “controlled” by Robert Telfer, the eight First Division clubs

had one vote among themselves. Similar patterns existed in all states. It's interesting to note, perhaps, that in Tasmania, Storey's empire was represented by Vic Tutting, now a vice president of the ASF.

It was against this autocracy, as much as for the basic principles of promotion and combating the anti-migrant sentiment, that the 1956 revolt occurred.

The money side of the argument entered the picture a little later, in 1962 — and was the final straw that broke Storey's back.

That year the British Pools

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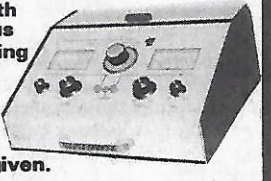
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Sharks rip at Kuringai's heels

A total of 33 goals were scored in round 21 of the NSW State League competition, easily the highest total in any single round to date. In the corresponding round earlier this year, only 16 goals were scored.

At Seymour Shaw Park, Sutherland completed its double over Auburn by putting six goals past Walker to issue a serious challenge to Kuringai for fourth spot on the league ladder. Clinch scored two and Beggs, Harrington, Grooms and Cashman added one each before Kilkelly scored a consolation goal for the visitors.

For Sutherland, it will be a do-or-die effort against the in-form Melita Eagles this week as the side is geared to overtake Kuringai. Should the Sharks lose to Melita, then the battle for fourth spot is most likely going to involve more than just two sides.

Manly has renewed its interest in fourth spot with Avila and Inter Monaro still having a remote chance of getting there. For my money, though, it still is a two-horse race with Sutherland holding the edge over Kuringai.

Sutherland still has a game in hand with its postponed match against Polonia coming up. Apart from that match, the Sharks will face Melita, Croatia, Polonia (again), Yugal and Canterbury. A minimum of two points against Croatia and Melita will almost surely put Sutherland into the semi.

Kuringai on the other hand has only five matches to play with Avila, Melita, Manly, Inter Monaro and Blacktown as its opponents. There's hardly an easy game amongst that lot!

At the top, Croatia has moved alongside Melita Eagles and trails on goal difference. In three weeks time, Melita and Croatia meet in a match which is certain to decide the title issue. In the meantime, Melita meets Sutherland this week, and Croatia meets Sutherland the week after.

That is certain to be a good pointer to the form of the sides at the top. Snuggled in among the top four is Blacktown. On their run home, the Demons face a relatively easy task against Yugal, Canterbury and Bankstown before Kuringai as

well as their postponed match against Inter Monaro.

At the foot of the table, Bankstown and Auburn are being quietly hammered into the turf without so much as a whimper. It is sad to see, for I believe that neither side is really bad enough to be wall-papered week after week.

One gets the impression that most of the players at Bankstown and Auburn feel that this is a year to forget and are not altogether interested in proceedings.

Yugal 1 Manly 3

Scorers: Mihajlovic (1), 55' Jack, 58' Smith, 64' K. Falconer (MW).

YUGAL: Berry, Gogic, Turkubek, Forster, Clarke, Pahor, Mihajlovic, Baumgartner (Morsello 65'), McIntosh, Zivkovic, Tanovski (E. Tomasich).

MANLY: Cassettari, Googhean, Williamson, Keith Falconer, Noble, Steven, Jones, Jack, (65' Gorrell), Smith (S. Dick 90'), P. Falconer, Stuart.

In an evenly fought game at Fraser Park, Manly came away with two points simply because its players showed better qualities in front of goal. Terry Smith did his usual, David Jack came from the Second Grade side to score one, and Keith Falconer broke forward from defence to score the third.

For Yugal, all was left to its old playing coach Tommy Mihajlovic. Following a free kick by Morsello, Mihajlovic found a gap in the wall to steer the ball wide of Cassettari and add some respectability to the scoreline.

After a scoreless first half Manly threatened to rip Yugal apart with three goals in nine minutes soon after the restart. David Jack headed the first after 95 minutes following a cross by Robbie Stuart, then only four minutes later it was Smith who headed past Berry from yet another cross by Stuart.



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

With Yugal coming forward in drives, its defence appeared fairly vulnerable. And whilst Yugal players failed in front of goal, Manly came back to snatch a third. Smith dragged two Yugal players after receiving the ball from his defence. With the way open for Keith Falconer to move into attack, Smith calmly slot the ball into the path of his team mate and Berry was beaten again.

Certain of the points, Manly replaced Jack and later on Smith. Yugal took control and came close on a few occasions before Mihajlovic found the net in the closing minutes of play.

David McIntosh, for the second week running, was playing up front and presented very little problem for the Manly defence. Had he played in front of Berry I have a feeling that Yugal might have come away with a far better result.

For Manly, it was the enterprise of Smith, the good skills of Stuart and some strong running by Steven which had it looking good at times. For Yugal, it was yet another disappointment and this time it caused the side to drop to 10th spot on the league table, the place Yugal is most likely to retain at the end of the Premiership fight.

Bankstown 1 Kuringai 5

Scorers: 12' Leak, 30' McKegan, 60' Len. Berry, 75' 82' Watson (K), Sirrett pen 85' (B).

BANKSTOWN: Giffin, Dalton, King, Augustino, Kennedy, Brown, Bonnie, Parker (65' Haskin), Blackburn, York, Siltons (46' Sirrett).

KURINGAI: Curtis, Kewen, Berry, Bartram 46', Robertson, Leak, Knight, Watson, (78' Regan), Williamson, Davidson, McKegan, Saech.

Kuringai faced Bankstown at the Soccer Centre without Eaton, Brockbank, Jesse, Challoner and Stuart Regan (for 78 minutes). To add to this, Steve Leak was dropped from

attack to midfield, and Bartram, the most consistent defender, suffered injury and was replaced before half time by Lea Watson.

With injuries decimating the side you would expect an easy path to goal for Bankstown, but this it was not to be and Bankstown hardly raised an eyebrow let alone a sweat in going down by five goals to one!

Leak emphasised the problems of Bankstown when he opened the scoring after some 12 minutes of play. He picked up a ball in centrefield stroled through to the penalty area before beating Giffin with a good placement. As Leak proceeded to score not one player made an effort to stop him!

Leak almost scored again in the 20th minute then Curtis made a splendid save at the other end from Kel York, before Kuringai struck again.

Steve Knight took the corner kick. Leak, at the far post, headed towards McKegan and Davidson, with McKegan faster in finding the net.

After an hour Kuringai was three up. Davidson ran into the area and Steve Giffin had no other choice but to bring the youngster down, conceding a penalty. Mike Berry took the kick, making it 3-0.

In the 75th minute Peter Seach sent his volley crashing home from a header by Rob McKegan, then in the 82nd minute it was Watson who headed home from a cross by Regan to make it 5-0.

The consolation goal by Bankstown was scored from the penalty spot by Sirrett in the 85th minute.

Polonia 1 Blacktown 2

Scorers: Sobczyk 76' (P), McLaughlin 40', Stoddard 82' (B).

POLONIA: Barker, Irok Garlowski, Gokio, Galas, Ziggy Garlowski, Leak, (70' Suigell), Kowalczyk, Tracey, Ortega, Sobczyk, Thomas.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare, Wheatley, Brog, Turnbull, Pointer, Davies, Salvage.

Stoddard, McLaughlin (Thornwaite 84'), Larkin, Pearson (68' O'Shana).

Polonia failed to take a point against Blacktown but surprised the much-favoured Demons with a late equaliser through Henjek Sobczyk. In fact the goal by Sobczyk, after some good work by Andy Tracey, looked to have settled the issue of points until an element of luck helped the visitors grab victory.

With only eight minutes remaining, Stuart Salvage found Stoddard inside the penalty area. Barker appeared to have covered the shot by Stoddard but the ball rebounded off the foot of Galas and past Barker into the net.

Earlier on, Blacktown went ahead after Warren Turnbull, certainly the most impressive player in this match, ran down the left flank to receive a pass from John Stoddard then cross low for Michael McLaughlin to score.

Blacktown found Polonia hard to crack but with the likes of Pearson, Larkin, O'Shana, Thornwaite and McLaughlin, the teenage stars from the Gabbie Stadium, it is not going to be long before this side becomes the terror of the state and perhaps even the National League in the near future.

John Larkin, the elegant striker, showed exceptional skills for the Demons and one wonders just how long it will be before this youngster gains a permanent First Grade spot. With Walker and Kirwan about to return to the First Grade this week it might be that the youngsters will return to the Second Grade.

It is important to add that Blacktown has showed willingness to try its young stars. In its Third Grade match against Polonia, no less than three under-15 players appeared (Joe De Millio, Gary Jones and Paul Quarmby) as well as two Under 16 players (Craig Anderson and John Pogson).

Sutherland 6 Auburn 1

Scorers: 29' Harrington, 43' 76' Clinch, 47' Grooms, 53' Cashman, 55' Beggs (S), Kilkelly 83' (A).

SUTHERLAND: Haynes, Hesford, Terry, Schumann,

Results of round 21: Yugal - Manly Warrigah 1-3, Jack, Smith, K. Falconer (MW), Mihajlovic (Y. Gogic) - Avila 5-0, Bankstown - Kuringai 1-5, Sirrett (B), Leak, McKegan, Berry, Seach, Watson (K), Sutherland - Auburn 6-1, Clinch 2, Harrington, Grooms, Cashman, Beggs (S), Kilkelly (A), Polonia - Blacktown 1-2, Sobczyk (P), McLaughlin, Stoddard (B), Canterbury - Inter Monaro 2-0.

STANDINGS			
MELITA EAGLES	14	2	39-10-30
CROATIA	12	8	37-10-30
YUGAL	12	8	40-20-20
KURINGAI	8	5	27-19-23
Sutherland	8	4	28-20-22
Inter Monaro	7	8	27-24-20
Manly Warrigah	7	7	31-30-23
Avila	7	8	26-27-20
Canterbury	6	10	31-30-15
Yugal	4	7	17-33-15
Polonia	3	10	21-30-11
Blacktown	2	13	20-40-8
Auburn	2	15	19-54-8

Saturday: Gabbie Stadium: BLACKTOWN - YUGAL.

Sunday: Knight Park: AVILA - POLONIA; Crozer Park: MANLY - CANTERBURY; Monro Park: AUBURN - CROATIA; Symon Shaw: SUTHERLAND - MELITA; Monro Park: INTER MONARO - BANKSTOWN.

Saturday: State League 2nd division: Uni. of N.S.W. vs Hawkeby Workers at Little Bay oval; Artarmon vs Parramatta City at Artarmon Reserve.

State League 3rd division: Campbelltown City vs Blackhawk Hills at Lynton Park; David Marston vs Kingsford at Kingsford Oval.

Inter Urban 1st division: Port Hawkeby vs Easton Creek at Seymour Shaw Park; Manly Warrigah vs Concordia at Concordia Park.

Inter Urban 2nd division: Pigeonwood vs Moorooka at Jellison Park; Chilo Sports vs Transendos Sports at Endeavour Sports Reserve.

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Inter Urban 4th division: Colo Colo vs Rosebery at Ireland's Bridge Reserve; Dulwich Hill vs Lithgow Workers at Lithgow Oval.

Sunday: State League 2nd division: Wollongong United vs Dee Why at Breaker Sports Ground; Radcliffe United vs Blacktown United at Hurstville Oval; Warrigah N-bees vs Fairy Meadow at Narrabeen Fitness Camp; Belmore vs Penrith United at Bick Oval; Gladesville Reserve vs North Gladesville at Peel Park.

State League 3rd division: C.S.I. vs Mirth Park at Schellville Park; Liverpool Albion vs Queens Park E/S at Stanwell Park; Fairfield West vs Boudi Marica at Erskineville Oval; Lane Cove United vs M.C. United Town at Parkers Reserve; Sydney Uni vs Northern Eagles at Sydney Uni oval; W.V. 2, Eastern Creek vs Port Hacking at Cawlers Sports Ground.

Inter Urban 1st division: Fairfield Kiwi vs Maroubra United at Bamber Road Sports Ground; Hurstville Zephyr at King Tomislav Park; Fairfield West vs Spanish Club at Parkers Reserve; Sydney Uni vs Northern Eagles at Sydney Uni oval; W.V. 2, Eastern Creek vs Port Hacking at Cawlers Sports Ground.

Inter Urban 2nd division: Campbelltown Gooners vs Chelmsford at Bamber Road Sports Ground; West St. George vs Sydney Macabali at Ewart Park; Easternwood S/A vs Chilo Sports at Lower Seawood Oval; Gladesville Reserve vs West United at Berridge Park.

Inter Urban 3rd division: Liverpool City vs Macquarie Uni at Emu Smith Reserve; Macquarie United vs Emerald Vale Reserve; Macquarie United vs Emerald Vale Reserve; Macquarie United vs Emerald Vale Reserve; Macquarie United vs Emerald Vale Reserve.

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GOOD TO SEE BLANCO BOUNCING BACK

After suffering humiliation at St. George and Marconi, Paul Blanco is back at the top, making the critics eat their words.

Under Blanco's skillful coaching, Melita Eagles heads the NSW State League ladder and up to last weekend, had recorded nine wins in a row.

Blanco, of course, took Melita to successive promotions from the Third Division before leaving to try his luck in the NSL. He's back now at the scene of his greatest triumphs, and he's blessed with some excellent players, like Billy Griffiths, Dennis Duarte and Mike Cross who have NSL experience, and Tommy Gavin, the former Sydney Olympic player who was signed recently.

Melita also has some excellent young players, like Wayne Farnsworth, whom

Hector Martinez describes as "Australia's Gerd Mueller." And so Melita is staging a spirited struggle with Croatia for the 1983 championship, and I look forward to seeing both of them in the NSL next season.

Dedication pays off

Twelve-year-old Con Saroukous of the Southern Districts club, makes a 30-mile round trip every Saturday from Fairfield to Campsie in order to train with me.

His keenness, attitude and dedication serve as an example to all young players, and I am only too keen to help him, as he used to live next door to us some years ago.

Old regime ended by revolt

Promotion Association Ltd. caused a major stir when it signed a five-year contract not with the gradually withering ASFA Ltd. but with the new Australian Soccer Federation, assuring it of 15,000 pounds for providing a list of matches to the British Pools.

By that time the old Association was deserted by all top clubs and this blow was fatal to its survival chances. The few assets held by the old association and its State branches were now under challenge.

In Melbourne, Storey-man Bill Thomas held assets worth about 16,000 pounds in cash, bonds and properties.

The break-away Melbourne clubs, headed by Michael Weinstein, Theo

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Marmaras, Andy Kun and Jan van Hoboken, took court action in 1982 to seize these assets and eventually settled out of court.

In Sydney the Storey-men with its pro-consul Bill Orr, had Soccer House in George Street, then worth about 80,000 pounds. This, too, became the subject of a court challenge and though the "shareholders" — perpetually elected and self-elected directors — managed to sell it and run away with the money, some of it survived and fell into Federation hands.

So far this season, he has scored 45 goals, so his dedication certainly is paying off.

Welcome back, Peter Sharne

Good to see Peter Sharne back from Hong Kong, after a three-year absence.

Peter was a fast, exciting winger with Marconi before joining the Eastern club in Hong Kong, where he made a big name for himself.

I certainly hope everything works out for him and that he reproduces the form that made him a regular in the Soccer side.

Bit by bit, over a period of some four years, the old Association's once impregnable empire crumbled. At the end of 1982 FIFA president Sir Stanley Rous visited Australia and officially ended the war by recognising the new Australian Soccer Federation — until then outlawed by the world body.

The fees claimed by the Austrians and Dutch for poached players — some 44,000 pound — was paid, on a loan basis, by Ampol and the Federation could now function as the sole authority of soccer in the country.

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BORAL BRICKS

Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) has drawn level with leader Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Australian Player of the Year award.

O'Connor received five votes for his performance against Canberra, while Yankos gained none for his display against Marconi.

Alan Davidson (St Helias), who polled five votes against Newcastle, is only one point behind the joint leaders, with Neil Banfield (Adelaide City) a further five points behind in fourth place.

Zarko Odzakovic (Makedonia) and Tommy Sermanni (Marconi) also made strong advances.

John Bradley (APIA) re-

tained the lead in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer's award. He didn't score at the weekend, but neither did his closest challengers.

This week's votes: FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Paton, Belle) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Katholos) 2. Schintler Reserve crowd about 1200. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6 Phillips (SO), 5 Tutill (JUST), 4 Kyriakoulas (JUST), 3 Paterson (SO), 2 Jennings, 1 Purdie (SO).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0 MARCONI FAIRFIELD 1 (Bozanic) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 2000. Votes by Peter Desjarlais:

5 Sermanni (M), 5 Oliver (H), 4 Henderson (M), 3 Tansey (H), 2 Rizzotto (M), 1 Bozanic (M).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 PRESTON MAKE-

DONIA 1 (Odzakov) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd about 1000. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6 Todorovski (Mak), 5 Opa-sini (Mak), 4 Odzakovic (Mak), 3 Campbell (Mak), 2 Flavell (Mak), 1 Wilson (Mak).

WOLLONGONG 2 (Ainsworth, Cotton) CANBERRA ARROWS 3 (Brennan, Farina, Gibson) at Ziem Park. Crowd about 1600. Votes by Philip Micallef:

6 Farina (C), 5 O'Connor (W), 4 Vilestra (W), 1 Gibson (C), 2 Gaffney (W), 1 Stone (C).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Williamson) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Borges) at Spencer Park. Crowd about 1800. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6 Liddell (BL), 5 Kay (SC), 4 Barnes (SC), 3 Wishart (BC), 2 Pimblett (BC), 1 Gomez (SC).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (Wilkinson) BRISBANE

LIONS 1 (Wright) at Oakes Oval, Lismore. Crowd about 1500. Votes by Francis Barry:

6 R. Stewart (BL), 5 Wright (BL), 4 Stone (St.G), 3 Slater (St.G), 2 Ogden (BL), 1 Ratcliffe (St.G).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 3 (Butler, Morsello, Tredinnick) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 at Lambert Park. Crowd 3984. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6 Morsello (APIA), 5 Tredinnick (APIA), 4 Gray (APIA), 3 Mariani (APIA), 2 Bertogna (APIA), 1 Bradley (APIA).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Crino) at International Sports Centre. Crowd 3451. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6 Crino (SM), 5 Davidson (SM), 4 Gosling (N), 3 Halford (SM), 2 Murphy (SM), 1 Maier (N).

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TASMANIA

3 to Blake, Juventus takes over

By Walter Pless

presence inspired many of the youngsters.

Coach Peter Brine was relieved to be back on top and quite confident of staying there. "We should never have been off it," he said. "I believe that we're the best team in the league. The only problem is we're doing it in 30-minute spells instead of 90-minute spells. We're our own worst enemies. We've given games away to other teams. But, right from the first game of the season I said there's only one team that will win this championship, and that's us."

Blake proceeded to score a hat-trick, two of which Burdon probably would have saved, while Wilson headed another McIntyre's second for Metro. came with only five minutes remaining.

JUVENTUS-PIONEER 2 (Ward 36, Di Felice 68) WHITE EAGLES 1 (A. Leszczynski 37). Ref: B. Clarkson.

JUVENTUS: Craven - Cochran, Burton, Di Martino, Krunic (Brine 67), Lepoldi, Charman, Pace - Ambrosino, Ward (Di Felice 45), Broadhouse.

WHITE EAGLES: Mich-niewski - C. Leszczynski, Payne, Rosinski, Banaski, Sikora, Ingles (Lawler 71), M. Leszczynski - Templeman, A. Leszczynski (Witek 55), Stanton.

John Michniewski's return to the White Eagles goal after an absence of several months because of injury was a vital factor in this game. He made some brilliant saves and his

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals: SUNDAY

Sydney Olympic v HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at St. George Stadium, 3 pm
Record: H'berg 6 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses, 19:14 goals.
MARCONI FAIRFIELD v St. George Budapest at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm
Record: Marc 5 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses, 15:9 goals.

BRISBANE LIONS v Wollongong at Richlands, 3 pm
Record: Brish L 2 wins, 2 draws, 0 loss, 6:2 goals.
CANBERRA ARROWS v Brisbane City at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm
Record: Can. 7 wins, 4 draws, 1 loss, 17:4 goals.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v Newcastle KB United at Sydney Athletic Field, 3 pm
Record: Syd C. 9 wins, 1 draw, 0 loss, 25:5 goals.
South Melbourne Hellas v APIA Leichhardt (draw) at Middle Park, 3 pm
Record: APIA 4 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses, 11:13 goals.

West Adelaide Hellas v PRESTON MAKEDONIA at Hindmarsh Stadium, 2:30 pm
Record: West Ad 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 10:4 goals.
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v Adelaide City Juventus at Schintler Reserve, 3 pm
Record: Adel C. 6 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 23:15 goals.

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Hellas — APIA top drawcard

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Sydney Hakoah or Newcastle may drop out of the championship race if league leader Preston Makedonia beats West Adelaide Hellas in Adelaide on Sunday.

Makedonia currently has a four-point lead over second-placed Hakoah, a six-point lead over third-placed Newcastle.

Hakoah and Newcastle clash at the Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday, and the loser could find itself too far behind to remain a threat to Makedonia.

Makedonia had regarded its two matches in Adelaide as its stiffest tests of the season, as it previously had never won in Adelaide. That run of outs was broken last weekend, when Makedonia scored a 1-0 victory over Adelaide City, despite the absence of captain George McMillan who was suspended and striker Claude Lucchesi who had the flu.

With both players back this week against West Adelaide, and with Makedonia sure to adopt a cautious approach away from home, the league leaders look good for another victory.

West Adelaide, quite simply, does not have the midfield strength to match that of Makedonia. Zarko Odzakovic, Gordon Flavell, Zoran Ilioski and left flanker George Campbell, supported by McMillan coming from behind, form a devastating unit that has few equals in Australia.

Hakoah has an overwhelming advantage over Newcastle on past results. In fact, Newcastle never has beaten Hakoah, scoring only five goals and conceding 25 in their 10 meetings so far.

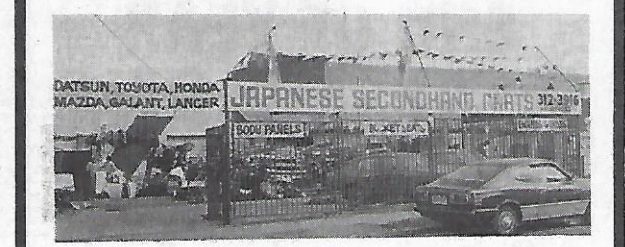
That indicates a Hakoah vic-

National League standings

Last week's standings in brackets:

	HOME	AWAY
	W D L F A	W D L F A Gls Pts
1. (1) Preston Makedonia	8 2 0 22 7	3 4 2 12 9 34:16 39
2. (2) Sydney City Hakoah	6 3 0 17 6	4 2 4 12 16 29:22 35
3. (3) Newcastle KB United	5 3 3 13 7	5 0 3 18 10 31:77 33
4. (7) APIA-Leichhardt	7 1 2 22 9	2 1 6 11 16 33:25 29
5. (5) St George Budapest	4 4 1 11 7	3 4 3 11 8 22:15 29
6. (4) Sydney Olympic	4 2 3 14 9	4 2 4 13 11 27:20 28
7. (6) Brisbane City	4 4 2 17 15	3 3 3 8 15 25:30 28
8. (8) Marconi-Fairfield	4 2 3 15 15	3 3 4 14 13 28:28 26
9. (9) South Melbourne Hellas	3 3 4 13 14	4 2 3 12 14 25:28 26
10. (10) Canberra Arrows	6 3 1 21 10	2 1 7 12 20 33:20 25
11. (14) Footscray J.U.S.T.	4 2 3 10 16	2 3 5 6 15 16:31 23
12. (11) Heidelberg-Alexander	5 1 3 13 7	0 6 4 7 16 20:23 22
13. (12) West Adelaide Hellas	4 3 4 13 15	1 4 3 4 9 17:24 22
14. (13) Adelaide City Juventus	3 2 5 10 12	3 1 6 12 14 22:26 21
15. (15) Brisbane Lions	5 0 4 17 14	0 3 7 8 26 25:40 18
16. (16) Wollongong	0 6 3 12 15	1 3 6 14 23 25:39 13

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NSL team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week.

OLIVER (1) (Heidelberg)

OPASINIS (2) TODOROVSKI (1) LIDDELL (1) TUTILL (1) (Makedonia) (Brisb. City) (Foots JUST)

R. STEWART (2) PHILLIPS (1) P. TREDINNICK (2) (Brisb. Lions) (Syd. Olympic) (APIA)

FARINA (3) WRIGHT (2) MORSELLO (1) (Canberra) (Brisb. Lions) (APIA)

CONTEST WINNER

The caption contest conducted in last week's "Soccer Action" has been won by Mitchell Piliwan of 50 Manuka Drive, Boronia, Vic. 3155. He won a Mitre soccer ball.

Mitchell suggested that Doug Brown is saying to Jim Tansey: "It wasn't me who axed down Jeff Ollard. At Hellas we only axe coaches."

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Crino leads midfield massacre

Newcastle 0 SM-Hellas 1

SCORERS: Crino in 62nd
VENUE: Adamstown Oval
CROWD: 3461
REFEREE: Jim Reeves 7
CAUTIONS: Egan (S.M.)
Caban (N), Crino (S.M.).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED:
Gosling 8 — Maier 7, Burke 7,
Watson 7, H. Tredinnick 6,
Mason 7, Sankalski 7, Jones 5
— Caban 5, Lowe 7, Mount-
ford 5, Kirby 7 replaced Maier
in 34th.

LAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 7,
Blair 7, Xanthopoulos 7, Yzen-
doorn 6, Davidson 6, Halford
7, Crino 6, Murphy 7, Egan 6,
Brown 6.
A determined and hard-
working Hellas side com-
pletely outplayed lethargic
Newcastle and looking at
the match, one could have
been excused for thinking
that the positions of the two
sides on the competition
ladder were reversed.

A great performance by
Hellas' midfield quartet that
had the class of Crino and Da-

vidson and the hard work of
Halford and Murphy paved the
way for the victory.

It was Crino in fact who pro-
vided the winning goal when
Doug Brown set him up on the
left in the 62nd minute, and the
former youth diagonal drive
that beat Clint Gosling.

Newcastle's stocks looked
good early in the game when it
appeared that Sankalski would
pick up where he left off a fort-
night before when his perfor-
mance torpedoed Makedonia,
but his contribution together
with the rest of the out-
numbered Newcastle midfield



Joe Lanzoni

deteriorated as the game pro-
gressed.

Newcastle suffered a set-
back when Ralph Maier who at
that stage was Newcastle's
best player had to be replaced
in the 34th minute when an ac-

cidental clash of heads with
John Yzenoorn saw the Youth
International receive a deep
gash under his right eye that
required three stitches.

His replacement, Bernard
Kirby, making his NSL debut
in the unaccustomed position
of right back, performed cred-
itably and finished the game
among the better Newcastle
players.

Newcastle had a chance of
salvaging something out of the
game when, with 15 minutes to
go, captain Craig Mason blasted
a great right-foot shot on to

the upright off a Sankalski
corner on the left.

A naturally disappointed
Ken Kaiser could not put his
finger on what went wrong
after the game, but the insis-
tence of pumping high balls to
the front runners who were
totally outclassed in the air by
a taller, more determined
defence, was a major contrib-
uting factor in my opinion.

As is always the case, a
return to basics of playing
the ball wide, or to the feet of
strikers should bring an im-
mediate improvement, an ab-

solute necessity if Newcastle
is to play a role in the pre-
mier league with the tough
matches ahead.

Len McKendry has his team
playing non-nonsense, high-
workload, percentage football,
but not having seen Hellas
before his recent arrival on the
scene one cannot make com-
parisons on what influence his
coaching had on this star-stud-
ded side.

But one thing is certain
points will be extremely hard
to get from the Melbourne side
in the matches to come.



Macedonians celebrate

Victoria's Macedonian community had its national day celebration
at the Macedonian Social Club in Spring last Saturday ABOVE: the
speaker of the federal parliament, Dr Harry Jenkins (left) and his wife,
with Preston-Makedonia president John Branov and Mrs Branov

BELOW: "Soccer Action" editor Laurie Schwab, holds up the club
badge after being made an honorary member of the Macedonian Social
Club. At left is Helen Schwab, soccer commentator of radio 3RRR FM
and at right, Mendo and Pandora Petrovski. Mendo is the editor of
Preston-Makedonia's match programme.

• Pictures by DIMCHE DAMEVSKI



PURDIE POSES McLACHLAN A PROBLEM

Footscray JUST 2 Olympic 1

Scorers: 1-0 Paton 29th;
1-1 Katholos 37th; 2-1 Belic
66th.

Venue: Schintler Reserve.
Crowd: about 1200.

Referee: Jim Fearn 7.
Caution: Soper (SO).

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland
7 — Tutill 8 — McDowell 7,
Kyriakoulas 8, Hazabent 7 —
Curovic 7, Taylor 7, O'Donnell
7 — Paton 7 (62nd),
Purdie 8, Lujic 7. Coach
Tommy Dockerty.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Maier
7 — Rogers 8, Dakos 7, Her-
bert 7, Jennings 8 — Patikas 5
(Kalanztis 75th), Phillips 9,
Katholos 6 — Patalis 7, Soper
5, Paterson 8. Coach Bobby
McLachlan.

Footscray JUST coach
Bobby McLachlan is spend-
ing the week close to des-
pair, straining his brain.

tearing at his hair. He's
lucky he doesn't smoke.

But he should be delighted,
you say. After all, JUST's vic-
tory over Olympic was its
fourth in five weeks.

Obviously McLachlan's not
worried about results. Instead,
it's team selection that's
causing him headaches.
Last Sunday, Joe Carroll
was out suspended and Vlatko
Belic played only as a substitute
so Ian Purdie finally got
his chance to play a full
match. Purdie, who had been
in JUST's Second Division
team, knew he had to grab his
chance with both hands and he
certainly did, running and
chasing as if his life depended
on it.

Purdie played as central
striker, causing Jamie Paton
to move out to the right, where
he was quite devastating until he
finally succumbed to the flu
and made way for Belic, who
had dropped to the bench due
to a leg injury.

When Belic finally came on,
he scored the winning goal
with his first kick!

On Sunday, it's likely that
everyone will be fit — but
there are only 11 positions, and
no-one deserves to be dropped.
So spare a thought for poor
McLachlan.

Sydney Olympic, to its cred-
it, played like a winner after
Peter Katholos had equalised,
but failed to recover from
Belic's knock-out blow.

Olympic needed more
players contributing the same
amount as Gary Phillips,
Steve Paterson, Marty
Rogers and Graham Jennings.
While they battled away gamely,
JUST's contributors were
much greater in number — so
much so that it was difficult
indeed to pinpoint JUST's best
players, whereas it was easy
to pick out Olympic's.

Kyri "killer" Kyriakoulas
demolished Marshall Soper,
Graham Tutill swept up every-
thing that got through, Sulei-
man Curovic cut past Katho-
los out of the game and Gary
McDowell struck manfully in
his task of marking Paterson.
OK, Paterson still worked
hard and did many good
things, but had it not been for
McDowell's presence, Paterson
may have destroyed JUST.

Rogers had a running battle
with Zdravko Lujic on the
flank and emerged the victor,
while on the other side, Jen-
nings pushed forward as often
as he could and so was a con-
stant threat to the JUST rear-
guard.

Phillips was the best mid-



Laurie Schwab



Ian Purdie (left) holds off Peter Katholos.

• Jamie Paton follows up to score after goalkeeper Gary Meier had
parried Paton's penalty. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

fielder of the game, tireless
and always wanting the ball.
He found a lot of room because
JUST concentrated more on
marking the other two mid-
fielders, Katholos and Jim
Patikas who eventually was
replaced. In the second half,
Phillips stationed himself in
front of the back four, and
picked up so much of the ball
there that he deserved to take
it home with him.

But it was JUST that was
the more effective team —
with everyone pulling his
weight, determined to get the
job done.

So solid was JUST's defence
that Olympic, apart from its
goal, had only one other real
scoring chance — a header by
Paterson that went too high.

JUST on the other hand,
would have had a much more
devastating victory had Brian
O'Donnell put away two early
chances. However, in a move
started by Paton, O'Donnell

was foiled by goalkeeper Gary
Meier who came out quickly,
and shortly afterwards, with
Meier out of position, O'Don-
nell side-footed the ball over
the bar.

But O'Donnell again was in-
volved when referee Jim
Fearn awarded JUST a pen-
alty in the 29th minute.

O'Donnell was rushing in to
put the ball away after Meier
had parried it, and Fearn ruled
that Meier connected with O'-
Donnell's legs. Paton took the
penalty shot, and Meier spread
himself to block it, but Paton
followed in and put the ball
away at his second attempt.

Terry Patalis came within a
whisker of equalising six
minutes later, when he angled
a shot past Dennis Boland but
watched in dismay as the ball
bounced back off the far post,
into Boland's arms.

The equaliser was only another
minute away, however. A foul
by Kyriakoulas was pe-

nalised with a free kick at the
edge of the area. Katholos took
the kick, which was heading
past the wall, straight to
where Boland waited. Ky-
riakoulas, however, stuck his
foot out to boot it clear, and in
doing so, managed only to de-
fect Katholos's shot towards
the top corner. Boland flew
desperately but managed to
get only his fingertips to the
ball on its way into the net.

Olympic laid siege to
JUST's goal after half time,
with Patalis, Paterson and
Phillips determined to turn the
tide.

Into the 62nd minute however,
came the appearance of sub-
stitute Belic who scored the
winning goal four minutes
later. It was constructed by
Ken Taylor, who delayed his
pass long enough for his for-
wards to retreat into onside
positions. Then he passed to
Lujic who speared a through
ball for Belic, whose shot
bounced in off the bar.

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Morsello stars, Sharne shackled

APIA 3 West Adel 0

Scorers: 41', Butler, 56',
Morsello 61', Tredinnick.
Ground: Lambert Park.
Crowd: 3964.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 7.
Yellow cards: McGregor,
Doorne (WA), Bertogno (A).
APIA: Parkes 7, Carter 7,
Brown 7, Bertogno 7, Mariani
8, Gray 8, Butler 7, Bradley 7,
Morsello 9, Tredinnick 9,
Sharne 6 (Valeri 82').

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:
Sproul 6, McGregor 7, Anney
6, Baker 5, Harn 5, Dunn 5,
Hays 6, Doorne 6 (Stefano-
poulos 80'), Atsalas 5, Brown
5, Honeyman 4.

APIA's victory before
some 4,000 spectators could
have been greater but for
some sloppy finishing
towards the end of the
match



Alex Vesic

Tony Morsello, the livewire
APIA forward, tormented the
visitors throughout and was
easily the best player on the
ground.

With half time only four
minutes away, Morsello ran
away from Steve Baker, then
slotted a pass to Terry Butler
whose right-footer hit the net
from some seven metres.

That was the signal for
APIA to come forward.

Morsello was on the spot to
receive a pass from Tredinnick
before creating space for his
left-foot drive which eluded

Sproul to give APIA a two-nil
lead in the 56th minute. Five
minutes later it was Peter
Tredinnick who wrapped up
the match for the home side
after receiving a pass from
Peter Sharne.

Sharne ran away from
McGregor and slipped a
crossfield pass to Morsello
who beat one defender before
cloying his left-footer
past Sproul.

As the match wore on it was
evident that the locals were
quite content to push the ball
about and with some enter-
taining play from Morsello and
Tredinnick the crowd saw
glimpses of the APIA of old.
And all of it despite that hor-
rible playing surface which is
hardly fit for a pasture let
alone for playing soccer.

Throughout the second half
the home side dominated pro-
ceedings with Sproul desper-
ately for some help. And whilst
Adelaide defenders failed to

stop APIA forwards it was yet
another day of shooting high
and wide instead of straight
into the net for the home team.

Peter Sharne, the ex-Socce-
roo, missed two glaring op-
portunities but so did Tredin-
nick, Morsello and Badley. At
any stage Bradley stole the
ball from the keeper, ran wide
and with Sharne completely
unmarked in front of goal,
elected to pass back to the
keeper!

What about the visitors?
Apart from the hard-tack-
ling Ian McGregor who had the
unenviable job of following
Sharne, it was hard to find a
single player who should be
paid for its effort. Graham
Honeyman, one of the stars of
this side, was most disap-
pointing, while Steve
Atsalas apart from doing lit-
tle, missed some glaring op-
portunities to get his name on
the scoreboard.

Bozanic buries Bergers

Heidelberg Marconi

Scorer: Bozanic 89m
Ground: Olympic Village.
Crowd 2000 estimate.
Referee: Voutinas 8.
Cautions: Bozanic, Janovic.

HEIDELBERG: Alexander, Oliver 7, Mackie 7, Yankos 6, Macleod 6, Tansey 7, Selemdis 6, (For 89m), Campbell 6, Spanos 6, Peterson 6, Lee 6, Cole 6. Coach: Ken Kortan.

MARCONI: James 7, Bozanic 7, Calderon 6, Henderson 7, Rizzotto 7, Serranni 8, McCulloch 6, Carbone 6, Licata 6, (Djordjevic 65m), Brown 7, Janovic 6. Coach: Doug Collins.

Ken Morton called this game Heidelberg's best performance of the season and blamed bad luck for the defeat but it's highly unlikely he will get too many Alexander supporters to back up on his argument.

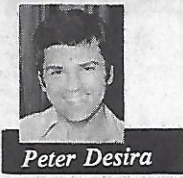
"I couldn't fault any of the players on their performance. Bad luck more than anything else stopped us from getting a result," he said.

"Gary Cole and Derek Lea got some good bounces and once we started to get ahead with the breeze behind us, in the first half there was always the possibility that Marconi might steal it," Morton said.

The coach is convinced that Heidelberg's short-passing game enabled the side to get behind Marconi's defence and added that overall, the commitment of every player from his side was "excellent".

But if goalscoring chances are any indication to go by, in my books the match rates as one of the most uninspiring I have watched this season.

Heidelberg appears to play to a predictable pattern with



Peter Desira

everything channelled to Gary Cole, leaving little in the way of inventiveness from the midfielders.

Cole was well held by Tony Henderson and the rule out of any chance of Heidelberg getting on the scoring sheet.

By comparison Marconi had a little more flair up front, with Rod Brown looking fairly sharp, always ready to go at opponents, darting in and out of spaces, always making room and looking for a shot at goal as well as varying his routine with some fine lay-offs at times.

The fact that Rene Licata had one of his quieter days and that the finishing of Mark Janovic was not up to his usual standard probably is what kept Heidelberg in the game until the dying minutes.

The winner came a minute from the end via a spectacular drive from 25 yards by Fe Bozanic who let fly an unstoppable shot after receiving a short free kick from Tommy Serranni.

The Bergers created a mere two clearcut openings with the wind at their backs in the first half.

Cole headed wide from a cross by Lea while Bruce James dealt comfortably with a shot from the left side of the box by Jim Tansey.

Marconi came closer than that when Jeff Oliver failed to cut out a right wing cross and Serranni fired a shot which bounced off the crossbar.

Within minutes of the restart Oliver was forced into a courageous save at the feet of Janovic who found himself free in the box facing only the keeper after Charlie Yankos had mis-kicked an attempted clearance.

Janovic tried to steady and pick his spot but Oliver left his line smartly and smothered the striker's effort.

Gibson ends Wollongong's fightback

Wollongong 2 Canberra 3

Scorers: Brennan 2nd, Farina 28th, Ainsworth 79th, Cotton 81st, Gibson 93rd.
Venue: Ziems Park, Corral
Crowd: 1600.
Referee: Small 8.
Cautions: Redmond (C), Byrne (C), Kerr (W).

WOLLONGONG: Preston 6 — Willis 6, Viletstra 7, Ainsworth 7, Pollard 6, McBrean 6 (Dickson 76th) Fleming 6, Gaffney 7, Kerr 6 — Cotton 7, O'Connor 7.

CANBERRA ARROWS: Hoszowski 6 — Young 6, T. Byrne 7, Murray 7, Walsh 6 — Cole 7, Stone 7, Gibson 7 —

Farina 7, Redmond 6, Brennan 7. Canberra coach Atti Abonyi had every reason to shake his head in disbelief as he walked away from Ziems Park after this extraordinary match.

Canberra was comfortably leading wollongong 2-0 with only 11 minutes to go when all of a sudden all hell broke loose.

Wollongong coach Willie Wallace had brought in an extra striker in the last 15 minutes and Canberra clearly was upset by this tactical change.

In no time the Wolves were back on level terms and as they surged forward for the



Philip Micallef

winner, Canberra began to boot the ball away in panic.

But three minutes into injury time, when all seemed lost for Canberra, up came Ian Gibson with a glorious header which finally settled this match.

"I thought we played well

enough overall to deserve the points but we could have lost after making two silly mistakes," Abonyi said afterwards.

Wollongong coach Wallace could not believe how his side could play such "shocking" football in the first half and then for 15 minutes "perform like champions".

Canberra took the lead in the second minute with a back-header by Brennan which surprised Preston.

The Wolves' predictable approach failed to leave an impression on a well-organised Canberra side and on the half-hour Farina struck a magic goal.

He first found Stone wide on his left and then raced 25m to pick up the return pass and

ram home a delightful first-timer.

In the second half Canberra chose to defend its seemingly healthy lead and Wollongong finally went forward.

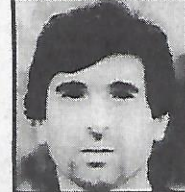
But the game actually changed when Young Dickson came in for midfielder McBrean.

Four minutes later Ainsworth headed in the first goal with the complicity of goalkeeper Hoszowski and soon afterwards Dickson found Cotton with a clever pass and the gifted striker had no difficulty in slotting the ball into the net.

Wollongong stormed forward in search of its first home win for 1983 but in the last minute Gibson met a cross from Cole and headed in a superb goal.

ODZAKOV WINS IT FOR CAUTIOUS MAKEDONIA

By FRANK PANGALLO



George Todorovski

as a result of a training mishap.

Yet Juventus managed to open aggressively although it never looked likely to breach a tough and uncompromising Makedonia defence prepared to absorb punishment.

Juventus persisted in floating the ball long, much to the chagrin of the fans and the delight of Makedonia's two tall central defenders Todorovski and Jones, who was back on familiar soil and copped a yellow card for a tackle on young Joe Mullen that didn't endear him to the locals who once feted his reliability.

While Makedonia had the measure of Juventus' paltry sorties, its own strikers were frustrated by Juventus' effective, if risky, off-side trap.

Not that Makedonia seemed all that anxious to get the vital breakthrough. With Ollerton roaming across the middle calling the shots, Makedonia played a composed waiting game.

The goal came after 65

minutes when Odzakov, allowed to move unchecked, collected a neat pass and equally neatly side-stepped a defender and rammed a hard ground shot past McNally. It was Makedonia's only positive attacking move for the game but the tactics were vindicated.

Juventus went on a spirited offensive during the final 15 minutes of a lively period which exposed Makedonia's complacency.

Had it not been for a magnificent save by Wilson, when a Flounders header looked certain to find its target, and some desperate clearances coupled with some poor Juventus finishing and passing, Makedonia may not have been so fortunate.

Juventus has its problems, not the least an inexperienced forward line and a midfield unable to direct proceedings.

Mullen is a gutsy and skilful trier but hasn't the physical strength to bulldoze past a Todorovski or Jones.

Rankin's ball skills are crude and totally predictable. Each time he moves with the ball, he seeks to move outside an opponent rather than mix his options.

Maxwell's problems are a combination of both Mullen's and Rankin's.

Juventus looks like it will finish in a lowly position but one positive factor that has emerged is that the team does possess enthusiasm.

And that raises the question: When will home fans see it with more regularity?

Lismore fans let Greedy down

By FRANCIS BARRY

St. George 1 Brisb. Lions 1

Scorers — Wright 49th (Lions), Wilkinson 53rd. (St. George)

Venue — Oakes Oval Lismore.

Crowd — about 1,500

Referee — Barry Wilkinson 6

Cautions — C. Daunt (Lions), A. Hunter (Lions)

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 8, Skoon 7, Ratcliffe 8, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 8 — Barton 8, Stone 8, Wilkinson 7, J. O'Shea 8 — Slater 8, Petkovski 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7 — McKimming 7, Hunter 6, Vasquez 7, Niven 8 — Hogg 6, R. Stewart 9, J. Stewart 7, Ogden 8 — Wright 9, (McDonagh 85th). Daunt 6.

Lismore set the game in the country areas back at least five years and delivered the biggest insult to local hero Terry Greedy by failing to turn out in force to watch the St. George Lions game at Oakes Oval on Saturday night.

The venue was chosen because Greedy is a Lismore boy.

All logical predictions indicated a crowd at least 5,000 but it just didn't happen. It's difficult to know why, as when the local representative team played Dundee back in 1972 there were 4,500 people packed into the same oval and since then there has been massive growth of the game in the city.

The game did illustrate one thing that is instead of ruining the game by administrative flights we must get back to basics. A simple communication error saw the advertised starting time at 7pm but the NSW, apparently, advised the referee the kick off was supposed to be 7.30pm.

Now the game.

Brisbane Lions remained on the comeback trail, sharing the points in a 1-1 draw and in the first half, at least, they had most of the play. They could have gone in at half time, two or three goals up, but were unable to make the most of the chances that came their way.

The best of these fell to Danny Wright when he burst through the St. George defence which had come out quickly. Wright just kept running to beat the offside trap but with only Greedy to beat short wide.

Russell Stewart was having a fine day and a couple of long probes ran created chances that the strikers couldn't capitalise on. At the 20-minute mark he had a go himself when he hammered a free kick from 40 metres that Greedy had to push over the top.

St. George didn't make many inroads into the Lions' half during the first 45 minutes but when they did Robbie Slater was alone most of the time against a strong Lions defence. He was the victim of some crude tackles.

The game had been very physical from the outset and when the yellow card was shown in the second half the offences were not at the same level as a couple of over the ball tackles that went unchecked in the first.

Although Lions had had the upper hand for most of the half it appeared the game was going to be bottled up in mid-field and it badly needed a goal to open it up. Just after the restart Wright did just that to give Lions the lead when he received the ball 30 metre from goal.

The movement again involved the Stewart brothers and when Wright latched onto the ball, he fed it immediately and gave Greedy little chance from that distance. Greedy indicated after the game he thought he had the ball covered but it just kept swerving away from him.

The goal brought new life into the game and although Lions almost immediately had a chance to go further ahead when Daunt headed over the bar, it didn't take St. George long to equalise.

The ball was played down their right side and although Wilkinson got his first goal for some time when he pinched it from a group of four players and bent his shot round a couple of defenders into the far corner of the net from 25 metres.

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Pucked from the jaws of defeat

Brisb City 1 Syd City 1

Scorers: BC — Williamson 82nd, SC — Borges 10th.

Venue: Spencer Park.

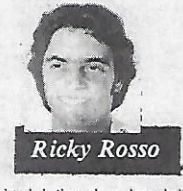
Crowd: about 1800.

Cautions: Liddell (BC), Borges (SC).

Referee: Alan Kibbler 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8, Perry 6, Kowtan 5, Liddell 8, Wilkinson 7, Williamson 7, Pimblett 8, Fabrizio 6 (Caird 82nd) Bromfield 7, Glockner 5, Hughes 7.

SYDNEY CITY AHKOAH: Pezzano 7, Cant 7, Robertson 7, Gomez 7, Souness 7, Barnes 8, Kay 8, Borges 7, Watson 7, Kosmina 7, Murray 6.



Ricky Rosso

headed through a long ball from midfield which Frank Pimblett, overlapping on the right, managed to hook back from the byline. Pimblett was attempting to put the ball into the goalmouth but Ian Souness blocked him.

The ball rebounded to unmarked Billy Williamson, who let go with a blasting shot. The ball was angling across goal when it took the slightest of deflections off Jim Cant. It was enough to steer it inside the far upright.

Brisbane City had been robbed of points in the past but this time it was City's turn to snatch a draw from the jaws of defeat.

But on its first-half performance alone, Sydney City deserved more.

Sweeper John Kowtan was having a horrid time at the

back and his distribution was alarming but with only Glockner and Bromfield up front, he had little to aim for.

Big stopper Frank Liddell was at his aggressive best and was holding the Sydney City attack but close skills by Nello Borges proved too much.

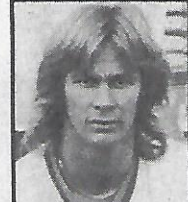
Borges ran onto a low cross by Jim Cant, after a clever switch by Willie Murray, and outplayed Liddell, Perry and Kowtan to give himself an easy sidefoot shot past Wishart.

Paul Kay nearly copied Borges' move in the 21st minute and only a sprawling drive by Wishart prevented a goal.

Wishart was in fine form throughout and saved his side again 10 minutes later. Joe Watson, always a danger man, curled in a free kick from outside the penalty box on the left. John Kosmina rose perfectly above Liddell to nod the ball into the far top corner.

Wishart dived full length to take the ball in both hands — a copy book save.

Sydney City pushed forward again early in the second half and yet another fine save from Wishart kept the Brisbane side in the game. Borges broke through the middle and looked set to score when Wishart



Billy Williamson

spread himself to block the shot.

That attempt signalled the end of the football and the brawling began.

Several players had been having personal kicking matches and in the 57th minute Liddell got a yellow card for a crushing charge of Kosmina. One minute later Kosmina found himself under Wishart with the big man threatening to bring his fist down after a wild clash in the goalmouth.

In the 72nd minute Borges was cautioned for a late tackle on Billy Williamson then five minutes later players had to break up a clash between Brisbane City's Allan Hughes and Sydney City's Gerry Gomez.

MEET THE ENTERTAINERS

Sydney Olympic in focus



From left, back row: Ricky Herbert (New Zealand international), Jim Patikas (one 'A' international cap, 23 youth caps), Tony Dakos (3 youth caps), Steve Paterson (ex-Manchester United), Gary Meier, Marshall Soper (2 'A' caps).

Front row: Martyn Rogers, Chris Kalantzis, Graham Jennings (3 'A' caps, 6 youth caps), Peter Katholos (1982 Australian Player of the Year, 12 'A' caps), Gary Phillips, Terry Patalis. Missing: Peter Raskopoulos (4 'A' caps, 17 youth caps), Mike Coady, Mark Koussas (2 'A' caps, 7 youth caps), Jim Ziras, Ian Rowdon, Peter Wilson.



Peter Raskopoulos



Mark Koussas



Coach Tommy Docherty

Sydney Olympic, which emerged from the old Pan Hellenic club in 1977, for the start of the National League, was named Australia's most entertaining team in a recent poll conducted by "Soccer Action". In Katholos, Patikas, Peterson, Soper, Jennings and Patalis, Sydney Olympic has some of the most entertaining stars in the country, and in Tommy Docherty, the club has the most colorful coach. Olympic experienced the disappointment of being relegated at the end of the season, despite finishing only second-last. The last-placed team, South Melbourne Hellas, was retained, while Olympic was pushed down! Now, reinforced by Herbert, Paterson, Patikas and Soper, Olympic is in the running for the 1983 championship.

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ROYAL RICHMOND

Yasar Behich won 1981 Metro award

Royal Richmond has some outstanding players, among them; Yasar Behich, the captain, who has been with the club for 10 years and has never missed a game. A very popular figure and a true sportsman, Behich won the Metro League's best and fairest award in 1981.

Royal Richmond's coach is Gojse Yusuf. Here, he looks at some of the players in his first team squad:

RICHARD PARRY: Richard is in his first year with us, having transferred from Springvale City after sterling service with Frankston City and Brighton. Although he missed some games early in the season through injury, he has been a stalwart in our defence and I hope he stays with us for many years.

SADRETTIN LATIF: Sadrettin moves like lightning and is known as the goal-king of Royal Richmond. Has been with us since 1973, except for one year spent with Keilor Australia Great clubman.

TURGAY LATIF: the third of the fabulous Latifs, is our utility player and excellent on the ball. Very fit and very fast. Turgay came back to us this year after two seasons with Keilor Australia.

PETER CLARKE: our very experienced goalkeeper and a Victorian representative. Has missed some games this season through injury. He also joined us this year from Springvale City.

SLATKO LEROTIC: A very good midfielder and team man, who has a good future.

KEVIN LEHNER: Ex-St Al-

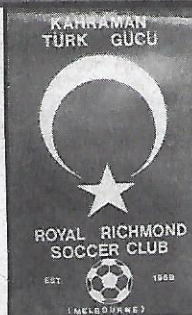
bans. Kevin is a young and very fast forward, and I have big hopes for him next season.

SAVAS COLAKOGLU: A fast winger who has yet to realise his potential, having been handicapped a lot this year by injuries. This year, we are fielding a junior side, the under 14s, who could take out the championship with gives us a lot of hope for the future.

● Royal Richmond's reserves. Back row: Secretary T. Djelal, Tugay Celal (committee), Hassan Yusuf, Ergun Ozjan, Atilla Ercettin, Ismael Sacigil, Hasan Ali, Malik Mazligil, Adam Simsirel (committee), Romeni Mapolar (Vice President). Front row: Mustafa Amin, Husin Somez, Dale Wood, Ayden Ali, Ahmet Tortay, Mustafa Hakkı, Gojse Yusuf (coach).



Royal Richmond, back row: Halil Sarikaya, (team manager), Tugay Celal (committee), Slatko Lerotic, Richard Parry, Peter Clarke, Sandrettin Latif, Halil Ozcaglı, Savas Colakoglu, Huseyin Ibrahim, Adem Simsirel (committee). Front row: Turgay Latif, Emin Kamil, Yasar Behich, Yilmaz Salim, Kevin Lehner, Yahya Biner, Gojse Yusuf (coach). Picture by LES SHORROCK.



1977
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best
so far

Royal Richmond Soccer Club (previously known as Royal Park) was formed in 1969 as the Youth and Sport movement of the Cyprus Turkish Association of Victoria.

Since then it has gone from strength to strength, with the winning of the 1977 District League championship its biggest success to date.

Royal Richmond has a very close affinity with the 40,000 strong Turkish-speaking community of Melbourne.

It is the senior of all the Turkish-supported teams in Victoria, and as leader, has already been approached by three or four other similarly Turkish clubs, regarding amalgamation.

The club does not follow a policy of playing only players of Turkish descent and mong the better-known names associated with the club are Joe Skarechi, Ian Petherick and Peter Clarke.

The teams at present are playing on the Fletcher Oval in Richmond, due mainly to the goodwill of First Division club Richmond, and we enjoy a thriving club life at our two-storey clubrooms, valued at more than \$350,000, at 394 Victoria St., Richmond.

Richmond Council, through Commissioner Gillon, has undertaken to upgrade the club's usual ground at Burnley Oval for the 1984 season, so Royal Richmond has every reason to look to the future with confidence.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been involved with Royal Richmond for several years, and I've been proud of being its President for two years.

It is particularly rewarding to be associated with a club whose players, committee and supporters show such a profound commitment to its success.

I believe it is wrong to judge a club's success solely on its prowess on the field of play.

In the last two years it has been my committee's aim to make Royal Richmond a strong contender for State League status. Whilst we have tried to recruit wisely we have never believed in the policy of 'cattle-trading' to achieve our aims.

Since its formation in 1969, Royal Richmond has steadily forged its way through the District and Provisional League ranks and is currently in the Third Division of the Metropolitan League.

I take this opportunity of recording my gratitude to all concerned in the running of the club, in particular our supporters and sponsors, especially Najee Menswear and Patra Foods Ltd.

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Randies to go Juventus v. Croatia back to NZ?

Tommy Randies may return to New Zealand. Not bitter but wisecracking.

"Things haven't changed much at club level here in the past 15 years. The shift of power within club committees seems to be an ongoing process with disruptive ramifications. Too many clubs are motivated in the main by national pride, which means that the decision-making processes are based on emotive rather than logical foundations," said Randies.

Tenison's been a year for the former Stoke City player. Recently he became embroiled in a curious tragic-comedy. The setting for Act One was the Middle Park clubrooms of Victorian Metro First Division club Melbourne three weeks ago. Randies was coaching the Hungarian-sponsored club at the time.

A committee meeting was set down for a Monday night but curiously, few committee members turned up. Three nights later (Thursday) as Randies was about to leave training, he was told of a newly formed club policy which banned amateur players from being selected in the first team. Randies felt that this policy amounted to committee interference in team selection. He felt the committee was trying to pressure two players, Ernie Tapai and Glen Barker, into signing contracts. Both were amateur players.

Melbourne secretary Bill Hargitay takes up the committee view. "We've been bled dry for long enough. For years we've been producing top class players for other teams. That's got to end. We have to protect our interests. It's as simple as that."

Randies was angered by the committee move. Nevertheless, after phone conversations with committee members, he was led to believe that the matter could be resolved before Melbourne's game against Richmond on Sunday, July 17. He still was under that impression 35 minutes before the kick-off for the first team match when Melbourne's team manager approached Randies and told him that Barker couldn't be selected in the squad for the match. Tapai though was available. Randies was told, because the committee and young Tapai were confident of resolving their differences.

Randies was flabbergasted. He resigned on the spot. His assistant coach, Bobby Dob-

bing, was asked to look after the first team. He refused. "I felt that I had been set-up," said Randies.

"How could I maintain my credibility with my players by refusing to play Glen Barker? I'm certain that most committee members must have known how I would react."

A chain of events had been set in motion. The culmination came just over a week later, after Melbourne had beaten Knox City 1-0. At training on the Thursday night before the Knox match, Melbourne's first team players held a meeting at which they gave Randies their unqualified support. The players felt that Randies and the committee should resolve their disagreement. By now the official committee view was that Randies, by refusing to look after the first team against Richmond, had lost the players' trust, a view clearly unmasked as false in the light of the players' overwhelming support for Randies.

Nevertheless, the committee wouldn't budge. Secretary Hargitay had rang Mike Lynn on the Saturday morning, the day before the Knox match. Lynn had been sacked as coach of Polonia two days earlier. Hargitay invited Lynn to watch Melbourne against Knox. Lynn held his first training session as Melbourne's new first team coach on the Tuesday following the Knox match. The move to reconcile Randies and the committee had fallen flat on its face.

Dobbing too was a casualty. "I'd been offered the job as first team coach, just a couple of days after Tommy resigned at the game against Richmond," said Dobbing.

"I wanted the committee to try and reconcile its differences with Tommy but if that wasn't possible then I laid down guidelines under which I may accept the first team job."

"After the way I've been treated, there's no way that I'll have anything to do with Melbourne as long as I draw breath. I'll certainly be looking for another club next year and I'll be a free player too. Melbourne has agreed to send my registration to me in the mail."

Randies' departure from Melbourne came at a surprising time. He just had coached the team to 10 consecutive games without defeat, conceding just three goals in that time. The only player he had bought was Dave Luca from Frankston Pines for \$300. He has signed four players on free

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

transfers: Barker (from Pines), Stevie Wilde (from Prahara City), Gary Carlisle (Moorabbin) and Richard Armstrong (Kangaroo) and this was Randies' first year as coach of Melbourne.

Randies, 42, comes from England. He spent four years with Stoke as a full time professional. He moved to the Cheshire League for two years then came to Australia to join Victoria club Slavia in 1965. He spent three seasons there, then was transferred to Sydney Croatia for \$4,500.

"I played with Sydney Croatia for two seasons. I got married in Sydney and ended up spending a seven year honeymoon in New Zealand," he said.

Randies played with Christchurch United for five seasons. He paid his own transfer fee of \$800 from Sydney Croatia. His first senior coaching appointment was with Technical in the Southern League and his interest in returning to Australia was sparked by the formation of the Australian National League in 1977. Randies wanted to enhance his coaching experience here and in 1978 he took over the first team job at Slavia.

Randies was appointed coach of Frankston Pines in 1979. It was the start of that progressive club's amazing rise through Metro ranks. Under Randies, Pines surged from Fourth Division to First Division in successive seasons. Pines finished in the top half of the First Division ladder last year and are trying to win promotion to State League this season. Randies left Pines at the end of last year.

"The Pines committee felt that the time had come for a change. I would have provided that change by introducing young players into the first team but the club decided to dip into the transfer market. I don't know what the big deal is about rushing into State League. Once you buy your way into State League, you're forced to keep buying to stay there. I much prefer the Box Hill approach where players are developed over time. And Pines really are a neighborhood club with the opportunity to develop the local product. Pines have made a change in policy. Not a mistake, just a change. All I can say is that the club has chosen to go in a direction I wouldn't have taken."

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Croatia and Juventus have high hopes of winning the State League title. We'll see how realistic their hopes are after they clash at Olympic Park on Sunday.



Victorian State League with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Victory to Croatia would make it a firm favorite to take out the championship. Juventus, currently two points adrift from top spot, must win.

I'm taking the coward's way out and going for a draw. Okay, so I was wrong last week. So Morwell was good enough to take a point from Croatia. It will be different on Sunday. Juventus is blessed with a team of fighters. It has skillful players too, of course, but the big thing Juve has going for it this year is the attitude of its players. Their spirit is amazingly high and they'll fight to the end against Croatia.

Green Gully Ajax can't afford to slip up against Morwell at Northcote on Saturday if its dream of achieving a hat-trick of titles is to be realised. Morwell's biggest asset is its strike force. Ajax is out-

standing at the back. That's not the recipe for a stalemate, though. Ajax also is good up front while Morwell's defence sadly lacks the experience and ability of sidelined goalkeeper Billy Whiteside. Ajax will win.

Croydon faces a danger game against Doveton at Croydon Park. The Doves will match it physically with Croydon, make no mistake about that, and in Bill Buchanan, Peter Thurlow and John Dowie, Doveton has an excellent midfield blend. I'm tipping a draw.

Let's move to far less dizzy heights. Albion Rovers will beat Northcote on Saturday. The ball playing Northcote side won't relish combat on the much publicised Selwyn Park potato patch.

And while Albion basks in triumph during the following day's relegation candidates, Ringwood Wilhelmina and South Melbourne Hellas, will lose to Box Hill and Fawkner respectively.

Box Hill strikers Peter Verrechia and Paul Priestly are too mobile for Wilhelmina's central defensive pairing of Eddie Pena and David Brooks. Anyway, the Hillmen are a different outfit at home. At times you'd swear they had 12 men on the park.

At Smith Reserve, Bruno Cozzella can cement his claim as Fawkner's leading scorer for 1983 when he is confronted by a South Melbourne Hellas defence which has conceded a glut of goals.

My forecast of ill-fortune for Polonia last week came true, and I'm sad to say I've

got more bad news for the Polish-sponsored club this week. Polonia will lose to Sunshine-George Cross at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday. Okay, so the combine was bad against Doveton last weekend, but it will be a vastly different proposition here.

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ALBION ROVERS v Northcote at Selwyn Park, 3 pm.
MORWELL FALCONS v G.G. AJAX at Northcote, 3 pm.
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FAWKNER v S.M. Hellas at Smith Reserve, 3 pm.
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Croydon fails to flatter

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Buljevic 28th) CROYDON CITY 3 (Sweeney 7th, McLeod 51st, Brown 72nd)

S.M. HELLAS: Turudic 8, Kalafatis 8, Anazakis 6, Vardakis 5 (Kasidic 76th), Postecoglou 5, Boklaric 6, Knezovic 8 (Tasios 76th), Abram 7, Cummings 6, Petterson 6, Buljevic 6. Coach: Jim Armstrong.

CROYDON CITY: Kastner 6, Rainey 5 (Irvine 76th), Hobson 8, Marley 7, Dobson 6, Brown 6, Wade 7, Loughnane 7, Sweeney 7, McLeod 6, Nolan 6. Coach: Ted Dillworth.

Croydon City, with this win, hoisted itself into the top four at the expense of Maribyrnong Polonia, but nevertheless made heavy weather of what should have been an easy task.

Joe Sweeney set Croydon on its way in only the 7th minute when he took advantage of slack marking to slip between two defenders and score a simple goal.

But it took Croydon labouring away in vain, and when, in the 28th minute Branko Buljevic scored an equally simple goal after a sparkling run by Pepe Abraam it seemed as if a bollover was on the cards.

But a freak goal by Gus McLeod only six minutes after the break shattered South's hopes. Croydon had a near-palace force wind behind it, and Lou Kastner's long punt reached McLeod, just outside the box, on the full. The big striker lunged despairingly and just managed to back header and the ball flew in a high parabola over an astonished Turudic's head and into the net. McLeod afterwards said he was going to enter the goal in the Guinness Book of Records, as the longest successful header in history.

McLeod also had a hand in the third Croydon goal when he cleverly laid back a cross into the path of Mark Brown, who planted it beyond Turudic's reach.

The best goal of all, however, was disallowed for offside, after Gary Hobson's long raking cross was met at the far post by McLeod who nodded it straight into the path of Peter Loughnane, who made no mistake.

John's intelligence overlapping was a feature of the second half and with the wind at his back he regularly pumped over long crosses that were highly suitable for McLeod and Sweeney.

Croydon appears to have the ideal attack now in the form of Sweeney, McLeod and Loughnane, and this trio would have had a bagful had it not

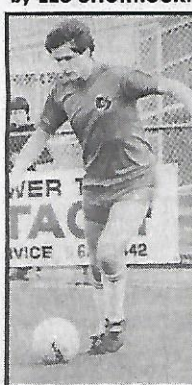
been for the excellent and brave goalkeeping of young Mark Turudia who surely goes on to much bigger and better things (once he's learnt to take goalkicks, that is).

Croydon might be in the four, but to me the team lacks a touch of class in the midfield (Jimmy Rooney, where are you?).

— LES SHORROCK



Team mates at Scottish club Pollok and now team mates at Croydon. From left: Steve Marley, Gus Macleod, Joe Sweeney. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



Terry Nolan of Croydon

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JUVENTUS	13	4	2	37	12	30
CROYDON	9	4	6	35	25	22
Polonia	9	4	6	29	24	22
Box Hill	8	3	8	26	28	19
Sun. G. Cross	8	2	9	33	30	18
Fawkner	7	4	8	28	32	18
Morwell	8	2	9	25	34	18
Northcote	8	2	9	25	36	18
Doveton	6	2	11	24	35	14
Wilhelmina	4	1	14	17	47	9
Albion	2	4	13	10	33	8
Hellas	1	4	14	19	53	6

CROATIAN FANS FAVOR THE BOOT DOWNFIELD

MELBOURNE CROATIA 3 (Cumming 10th, 80th, Brogan 78th) MORWELL FALCONS 0 at Olympic Park No. 1. Sunday.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blaszy 7 — Hannah 6, Parton 9, Adams 6, Blavier 6 — Biskic 8, Antolovic 6, Faulkner 7, Golevic 6 — Brogan 7, Cumming 8 (in), McClure 6 (2nd). Coach: John Gardiner.

MORWELL FALCONS: Prestoso 7 — Bingham 5, Irvine 5, Higham 5, Train 7 — Mitten 7, Young 8, MacLean 8, O'Callaghan 7 — Evans 6, McGuinness (in), Lecky 50th, 61. Coach: Tony Bagg.

What a surprise to see a side coached by John Gardiner, resort to thumping the ball downfield. Sure, the Croatia fans only seem happy when the ball is booted up the park but coach Gardiner has achieved his past success and reputation by drilling into his outfit a fluent, controlled style of play

which strangely was absent here.

And, perhaps as a result, Morwell Falcons were in this match up until Croatia's decisive second goal in the 78th minute.

The opening goal always was going to be vital between these sides. It came Croatia's way after just 10 minutes when a Steve Golevic shot was blocked and Tommy Cumming broke to his left then shot past Romeo Prezioso into the far corner.

Three minutes later Josip Biskic could have wrapped up the game. Keith Adams made a break down the right and crossed near post but Biskic headed over. At the very least, he should have got on target. From this point on Falcons fought their way back into the struggle with some fierce tackling.

The closest Latrobe Valley side came to equalising in the first half when left back Jim Train unleashed a 35

metre drive which bounced on top of the bar and over.

In the 51st minute Noel Mitten played the ball to Eric Young whose cross from the right to the far post was headed onto the bar by Alun Evans.

Croatia's second goal killed the contest. Biskic got free on the right and crossed. Dave Brogan, unmarked, headed into the top corner to make it 2-0.

Two minutes later Cumming raced clear, after the ball dropped over John Higham's head, to make it 3-0.

The highlight of the final 10 minutes was an amazing refereeing decision in the 84th minute. Harry Bingham won a Young corner in the air and headed across goal to Mitten who headed past Peter Blaszy. The ball looked well over the line when left Faulkner kicked it clear but the goal wasn't given.

— MICK O'BRIEN

Doveton's 'record' intact, Thurlow the star

DOVETON 2 (Stirton 7th, Webster 67th) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (G. Bennett 80th) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday.

DOVETON: Keogh 8 — Watson 8, Gidley 7, Corke 6, McLeod 7 — Buchanan 7, Thurlow 8, Dowie 7 — Webster 7, Stirton 7, M. Lennon 7 (Miller 80th). Coach: Hammy McMeachen.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Corntiff 7 — Richardson 6, Kelly 7, Scott 7, Taylor 9 — Shaw 11, Kerr 6 (McGillon 83rd), G. Bennett 6 — Bain 8, Gidley 6, Peto 6. Coach: Tommy Taylor.

I found out last Sunday why some Doveton sup-

porters grin when they see me arrive at Waratah Reserve — I've seen the Doves play at home eight times in two and a half seasons and I've yet to see them lose.

Doveton striker Stan Webster no longer can be properly described as a Doves' dynamo. The coach, Hammy McMeachen, and the players, assure me that little Webster from now on must always be referred to as "The Mossblown Marvel". Not coming from Avonshire in Shetland I'm unclear about the import of the nickname, nevertheless, I'll use it.

So let's tell this tale. And what a sad story it is for Sunshine-George Cross. For weeks now every report I've been getting from Chaplin Reserve has suggested that Tommy Taylor was on the march into the top four. Certainly not on this performance.

Everyone but everyone has been raving to me about how Webster was going to be what I saw on Sunday was a side with few ideas going forward, definitely not enough constructive ones to break down Doveton's defensive discipline.

Don't get me wrong. The Doves didn't steal this match.

They didn't simply defend in depth and hope to hit the combine on the break.

Peter Thurlow was a revelation in midfield. He's always been good going forward, always tough in the tackle, always running as hard at the end of the game as he is early on. But here, he showed supreme confidence in holding the ball and beating opponents if needed. And his passing was good too.

Carl Gilder turned Paul Corke once. That says it all about the job Corke did on the combine target net. But in Gilder's defence it has to be said that he was very poorly supported.

Two of the finest players afield were full backs — Doveton's Graham Watson and Sunshine-George Cross left back Chris Taylor.

When all seemed lost it was Taylor coming forward who provided the attacking spark needed to raise the combine's large Maltese following. And it was Taylor who got into a scoring situation in the last five minutes, but he skied his shot. Norrie Pate did likewise then the same player headed over in the final minute after a superb driven cross from Mick McGorian. Which brings me to one of the game's mysteries

— McGorian's selection on the bench. The former Slavia and Frankston Pines winger only appeared in the 63rd minute but gave young Greg McLeod a terrible time in the latter part of the contest. Surely we'll see McGorian in the starting line-up this weekend.

Now to the goals. Doveton opened its account in the 7th minute. Watson, at his best going forward, crossed from the right to the near post and Ian Stirton, with Steve Scerri nowhere in sight, scored with a diving header. Not long into the second half "The Mossblown Marvel" struck. John Dowie, having his usual game, slid down and

won the ball from Gilder who had come very deep. Dowie slipped a pass to Webster who got clear, rounded Alan Contini and thumped the ball into the roof of goal.

The combine's reply came late. John Stevenson, Sunshine-George Cross' best in midfield, knocked the ball over from the right and Gerry Bennett headed firmly from 12 metres, in off the post with Sean Keogh moving late.

The combine had a flurry in the dying moments but justice was served.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Greensborough	8	0	5	19	17	18	Beaumaris	8	1	3	43	17

Stn Springfield	5	1	6	34	28	11
Wendell	3	4	8	25	37	10
Springfield C	4	0	5	21	28	8

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Peter Sharne almost starved on the Soccer- roos' tour of China and Taiwan in 1979.

It would have been the most historic sports tour in world history — a western country visiting warring nations on the same trip, and a leading player snuffing it as a result of the cultural shock.

Sharne simply couldn't handle Chinese food.

I thought he was off his brain at the time. Nothing better than all that Chinese take-away, as far as I was concerned.

In fact I haven't met an opponent of Chinese food since — except for fellow columnist Peter Desira, whose taste buds died when he was born.

Sharne crossed China eating steak remnants, pieces of lettuce and the occasional stalk of grass. So how in the name of heaven did he decide to spend two and a half years in Hong Kong, mecca of the Chinese take-away?

Caught up in Chow Mein, Chop Suey, honey prawns and . . . horror or horrors . . . abalone in black bean sauce?

Our Peter proved to be tougher than we'd expected. Also, every resourceful, because he sniffed out all the steak and fish joints in the colony and managed to maintain playing weight without eating any Chinese food at all.

The fool!

So his return to the greasies of Australia has been his joy of joys.

Fish and chips, ham-

burgers, well-done steak, baked beans, pies . . .

On that diet maybe we'll see the emergence of Sharne the super-star, the talent repressed by Chow Mein during the very years that such talent blossoms.

Marconi already had turned him down — and he was bitter indeed about that.

After all, he served Marconi for nine years, from the age of 15. Before that, he had two years with Smithfield, three with Southern Districts, two with Liverpool City and two with Lansvale, the club he joined at the age of six.

"Doug Collins, the Marconi coach, didn't want to change the team around," says Sharne. "even though I helped them out last year, when I scored two goals in four games on loan from Eastern, to help get them out of trouble. During that time, Marconi gained six out of eight points."

Marconi cashed in on Sharne's Hong Kong transfer to a greater extent than any other club in the history of Australian soccer. Marconi collected \$48,000, which was more than what Luton Town paid for Adrian Alston or Arsenal paid for John Kosmina or Dinamo Zagreb paid for Eddie Krncevic.

Back to steak and chips for Sharne

By LAURIE SCHWAB

It's little wonder then, that Eastern wanted to use the support of his family — Polish-born father George and mother Maria — whereas he had to adapt to a new culture and new life-style as a fully professional player in the Crown Colony.

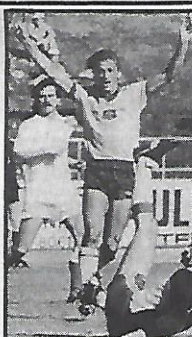
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Peter Sharne

one of his three coaches while in Hong Kong was none other than Bobby Moore, the record England international.

Sharne's opponents included Dutchmen Dick Naninga and Jupp Wilbert of Seiko, DaSilva of Tung Sing (the team for which Oscar Crino played) and Tommy Hutchinson, a City and Scottish winger of Bulova.

"I learned things like knowing when to hold the ball and when not to hold it, and to rely more heavily on ball skill," Sharne says.

His Hong Kong sojourn started in late 1980, when a Sydney agent for Eastern ap-

proached him about "making some money" during the Australian off-season. That money turned out to be between \$700 and \$1000 a game — quite worthwhile in anyone's language.

Jim Muir, his Marconi team-mate, went along with Sharne, but Muir is also back "home" now — in Adelaide, where he has joined Beograd.

Other Australians who played in Hong Kong during Sharne's time there include Terry Byrne, Tony Brennan and Duncan Cole of Canberra and Crino of Hel-las.

Brian Sinclair (ex-Wil-helmina) left last year after playing for Eastern and Rangers.

In 1981, his first season, Sharne scored 14 goals to finish runner-up to Kees Sturm of Seiko who had 15 goals. Seiko won the championship and Eastern was runner-up, but compensated by winning the Senior Shield Cup and finishing second in the Viceroy Cup.

In 1982, Eastern ran third, was runner-up in the Viceroy Cup and Sharne scored seven goals after missing three months due to a knee injury. During that season, Eastern also played against visiting Bayern Munich, whose star forward Karl-Heinz Rummenigge scored one of the goals in the Germans' 3-0 victory.

The 1982-83 season finished in June of this year. Since then, Sharne has been back at the Villawood home

of his parents, taking it easy. He's scored 10 goals in 39 games for Australia, and, according to national coach Les Scheinflug, Sharne will again be considered for the national team providing he plays well in the local league. After all, Sharne is only 27 years old and has lost only a fraction of the speed that earned him the "Bullet" nick-name.

But the NSL has changed quite dramatically during his two and a half years absence, says Sharne.

"The standard has gone down skill-wise. I don't think we have an outstanding team, or outstanding players who can draw in the crowds," he says. "Maybe the three points for a win have contributed to that situation. Maybe teams are more defensive because they've got three points to lose, instead of two."

While in Hong Kong, Sharne also had the opportunity to visit Japan on a team tour, and also to return to Taiwan. In Japan, Eastern drew one game and lost one, and in Taiwan it beat the national team once and drew twice. In addition, Eastern met the Taipei City Bank team, which Australia had beaten 7-1 in 1979, with Eddie Krncevic scoring five goals. Eastern, however, managed only six goals against "The Bank."

A curious aspect about Hong Kong soccer is that all the 10 teams in the league play on the one ground. As a result, Eastern at one stage had to wait for five weeks between matches. League games, incidentally, are played two or three nights a week.

Now Sharne has to ease back into the life of a semi-pro.

Whereas he was eating, sleeping and living soccer in Hong Kong, he'll have to work as well back in Sydney.

His last job was as a qualified electrician, but during his absence, things have changed so much that he would have to do a bit more schooling in order to catch up.

"I'll do that, or I'll get into some other line of work," he says. "I'll clear that hurdle when I come to it."

And he was munching a well-done steak while he said it.

gible for the award?

Some people even suggested that the first three rounds be discarded for voting purposes as players were more likely to strike form and play better at the end of the season because that is when the championship would be decided.

Rothmans finally stepped in and made a decision. The northern players' votes would be multiplied by 21 and divided by 18 at the end of the evening's count (that is, they would be multiplied by 1.166666 . . . recurring). Reliable sources have informed me that this figure will be rounded off to three decimal places so that it becomes 1.167.

I can see the headlines now: "Joe Bloggs Wins Tassie Gold Medal by 1.177 Votes".

Revenge for Tassie against AIS?

By WALTER PLESS

The Australian Institute of Sport team will play two matches in Tasmania later this month. The visit by AIS will be a repeat of one made at the beginning of last season. At that time, AIS defeated both a Tasmanian senior 'State of Origin' team and a Northern select team.

The Tasmanian Soccer As-

sociation has announced a youth squad to play AIS in Hobart on August 20. The squad, coached by Glyn Jenkins, who coached the Tasmanian under-18 side to the semi-final place in this season's national youth championships in Canberra, is: Carlo Ambrosino, Alistair Cochrane, Darren Bacon, Sergio Pace (Juventus-Pioneer), Greg Ashwood (Metro-Claremont), Ibro Cabut, Paul Furjanic (Croatia-

Glenorchy), Robert Harrison, Chris Hey, Craig Nichols (Olympia), Andrew Leszczynski (White Eagles), Brett Murtagh, Matthew Richmond (Clarence), Nick Marino (Hobart City) and Lino Taglieri (Caledonians). The emergencies are: Tim Robins, David Nichols (Caledonians) and Romeo Fabrizio (Juventus-Pioneer).

The selection of this year's Rothmans Gold Medal winner in Tasmania will be a strange affair indeed. The winner may even win by a fraction of a vote!

The situation has arisen because the Cadbury State League (South) has eight teams while the combined North and North-West State League has only seven. Players from both leagues are eligible for the award but the southern teams play 21 games compared to only 18 for the

northern sides. It is a ludicrous situation and one that should have been sorted out before the season commenced. How the combined North and North-West league could even consider playing with an odd number of teams, thereby necessitating a bye each week, is beyond me.

In regard to voting, it was decided at first to ignore the last three rounds of matches in the south. Instead of solving the problem, however, this only created more. What would happen, for example, if a player were sent off in one of the three rounds that didn't count? Would he still be eli-

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Domenica la Juventus Gioca per il Campionato

Domenica prossima, all'Olympic Park, la Juventus affronterà la capolista Croatia nella partita più importante del campionato e che potrebbe decidere la supremazia statale.

Nella partita di andata la Juventus riuscì a battere i croati di stretta misura e questo rappresenta indubbiamente un precedente importante anche se le ultime partite dei bianconeri hanno lasciato alquanto a desiderare, anzi ciò potrebbe essere un fattore a favore della squadra italiana poiché il Croatia, con il vento in poppa e con una sfilza di facili vittorie nel carnevale potrebbe peccare di presunzione e prendere l'incontro alquanto alla leggera.

Ma vediamo quali sono i valori reali delle due contendenti. Cominciamo dalla panchina dove troviamo John Margaritis da una parte e John Gardner dall'altra, due tecnici che sembrano equivalenti quasi negli settori: entrambi hanno un illustre passato come giocatori, entrambi sono degli

ottimi preparatori e dei buoni strateghi, entrambi godono il massimo rispetto dei propri giocatori, solo l'esperienza è definitivamente dalla parte di Margaritis.

La situazione delle rose di domenica è analoga: la Juventus con tutte due le squadre al completo e con ottimi rincalzi in panchina, la Juventus ha recuperato Swincoe e dovrebbe poter disporre sia di Clayton che di Drinocky che la settimana scorsa erano infortunati.

L'attacco della Juventus non può essere paragonato a quello del Croatia per incisività, infatti Cumming e compagni sono andati a rete 51 volte mentre i nostri hanno segnato solo 37 volte; ma il vantaggio del Croatia è solo una questione di statistiche perché gli avanti bianconeri hanno la qualità per mettere a nudo una carenza della difesa croata che si nota solo contro formazioni di un certo calibro come appunto Juventus e Green Gully. L'apparato difensivo dei bianconeri ha pochi uomini di grande esperienza ed i giovani Curcio, Partone Hannah sono certamente bra-

vissimi sotto pressione ma tendono a distrarsi nel momento in cui la loro squadra esercita pressione; un contropiede intanto situazione potrebbe trovare la retrovia croata alquanto sbilanciata e ciò si è visto nelle due partite che il Croatia ha perso quest'anno contro queste due squadre continua pressione sotto la porta avversaria e poi bang!, contropiede e rete dall'altra parte. Con i veloci Zinni e Cullen lo scherzetto potrebbe ripetersi domenica prossima purché i due attaccanti juventini vengano lanciati in profondità e abbiano così la possibilità di bruciare gli avversari allo sprint invece di doverli superare con la palla al piede, cosa che sarebbe molto più difficile. Poi non bisogna dimenticare che contro le bordate improvvise di Incanalupo, ed i suoi tiri piazzati, c'è molto poco che possa fare qualsiasi difesa. Quindi la Juventus ha tutte le carte in regola per andare a rete, anche se le marcature saranno limitate al minimo dalle occasioni che si presenteranno per sfruttare la velocità di Zinni

e Cullen e la strapotenza di tiro di Incanalupo, e non bisogna dimenticare il gran lavoro di French che sicuramente aumenterà queste tendenze di questa partita e sicuramente si vedrà uno scontro all'ultimo sangue, degno di una cornice di pubblico delle grandi occasioni.

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Molto, naturalmente, dipenderà dal centrocampo dove Biskic appare l'uomo più dotato da ambo le parti. Il giocatore croato ha buona classe, visione di gioco, controllo di palla e velocità; quindi Margaritis dovrà riservargli un trattamento speciale. Se Biskic verrà imbrigliato il loro potrebbe riuscire perché Fawknier è un giocatore elegante che poco si addice a partite all'ultimo sangue e Golevic e Antolovic sono giocatori che della forza fisica fanno la loro arma migliore e sono perciò prevedibili e controllabili. Contro di loro ci potrebbe essere Swincoe, del cui valore se ne sono accorti tutti quando è mancato. Lloyd che pur non attraversando un periodo di forma brillante è un gran lavoratore capace di contenere e di attaccare. Ged Bannan che forse Rogers che potrebbe fare il secondo libero davanti a Drinocky e da distribuire per le manovre di alleggerimento. Con l'impiego di Incanalupo arretrato a falso centrocampista per far posto a Cullen, la Juventus è però alquanto sbilanciata verso avanti e potrebbe perdere la battaglia a centrocampo nel qual caso la pressione sulla difesa aumenterebbe al punto che si potrebbe verificare il crollo. Margaritis ha però il difficile compito di portare bilancio nella squadra, tenendo la difesa in posizione e gli uomini di punta tutti schierati senza però indebolire il centrocampo. C'è da augurarsi che il tecnico juventino ci riesca, anche se non è facile, e che non segua alla cieca la sua filosofia di non cambiare una squadra vincente, perché vincere contro il Polonia non ha molto valore quando l'avversaria si chiama Croatia.

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avversari. Rizzotto si è trovato in difficoltà contro il Croatia, ma il forte Cole che si alternava nella sua zona, Carbonesteva a trovare la giusta misura a centrocampo e Brown a McCulloch apparivano imbottigliati dai più esperti avversari. C'è voluta tutta la classe e l'esperienza di Henderson per tenere assieme la difesa e tutto il senso della posizione di James per trovarsi sempre al posto giusto.

Nel secondo tempo però i ragazzi in tricolore hanno inscenato una sarabanda che ha messo in difficoltà gli avversari ed hanno preso in mano le redini dell'incontro con autorità e con una intesa magnifica. Rizzotto è cresciuto di statura ed ha cominciato a giocare in funzione di suggeritore degli avanti, Carboni e McCulloch hanno conquistato il centravanti assieme all'ottimo Sirmani, e Jankovic ha avuto tante palle gol che purtroppo ha sprecato innanzi tutto, ma la sua prova è da considerare positiva sotto tutti gli altri punti di vista. Anche Licata, sostituito nel secondo tempo da Djordjevic, è un elemento molto in gamba specialmente se imparerà a crossare in corsa e a tagliare diagonalmente verso rete per tentare la soluzione di forza o per favorire l'insierimento di un centrocampista in posizione di ala per creare superiorità numerica. Con il suo presente stile di correre sulla linea è alquanto inefficace, perché prevedibile o perché va fuori campo con la palla al piede.

Se il Marconi riuscirà a tenere assieme questo dotato quintetto di Rizzotto, Carboni, Licata, Brown e McCulloch avrà mezza squadra per molti anni futuri.

LA LEGA NAZIONALE NON È IL TOCCASANA

La lega nazionale regionalizzata sembra ormai cosa fatta dopo la seconda riunione delle parti in "lizza" la settimana scorsa. Gli statuti sono stati accettati ricevendo il compito di amministrare la competizione e facendo valere il loro punto di vista sulla retrocessione automatica che darebbe così speranza alle squadre lasciate fuori dalla massima competizione. Non vediamo però come questa retrocessione automatica possa funzionare poiché sembra che chiodovrebbe torcedere non sarà l'ultima classifica, ma l'ultima classifica delle otto squadre del Victoria (e del NSW).

Un altro problema sarà far capire al pubblico come funzionerà il calendario che vedrà le squadre dei due gironi incontrarsi saltuariamente durante l'anno. Comunque queste sono quisquiglie amministrative che bisognerà

risolvere nel migliore dei modi, ma pubblico. Indubbiamente agli inizi ci sarà una grande curiosità per i risuscitati derby Juventus e Croatia contro le quattro squadre della presente lega nazionale e ci saranno anche più partite di fronte al pubblico di tutte le squadre.

Ma a lungo andare questa curiosità andrà scemando e coloro che sono stati portati allo stadio da essa cominceranno a disertare le partite nuovamente sotto il livello di gioco non sarà di loro gradimento. Ormai è finito il tifoso dettato da considerazioni nazionalistiche. I "patti" sono rimasti inchiodati a tutto il pubblico italiano va al campo solo per vedere bel gioco e, soprattutto, delle incassi iniziali, le squadre dovranno investire in anticipo questi proventi facendo arrivare dall'estero giocatori di fama e di classe (tipo Vieri e Golevski) per mantenere le migliaia di "curiosi" che faranno una capatina all'inizio della stagione. Solo così la lega nazionale si distaccherà di molto dal resto delle competizioni statali segnando la fine di tante squadrine che già ora non hanno molte ragioni di esistere e che lasceranno "liberi" dirigenti e giocatori che si aggireranno al numero degli spettatori delle partite di lega. Affrontare invece la lega nazionale alla leggera sarebbe un errore che non risolverebbe i problemi presenti e che non richiamerebbe il gran pubblico necessario per sostenere un calcio locale a livelli accettabili e proporzionati di maggiori successi incasso internazionale.

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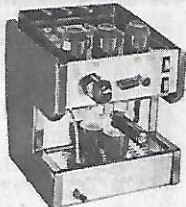
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JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

MAKEDONIJA ODMICE NA VRHU, J.U.S.T. SE Približava SREDINI

I. Zadnjih mesec dana pored Makedonije, koja se us-
telišla na vrhu tabele Nacionalne lige, J.U.S.T.
postao najuspešniji tim ovogodišnjeg prvenstva.
Kako ne bi, kad je od pet odigranih utakmica dobio 4 a
jedanput igrao nerešeno, dok se na tabeli otišmo
punih šest mesta od začelja, gde je proveo početak
sezone. Zajedno sa uspešima raste i pošta, sto
dnevna štampa u svojim izveštajima ne pokazuje, cak
zakida brojke na racun "plavci".

Ne treba zaboraviti da J.U.S.T. nije jedina utakmicu,
koju je dobio zadnjih mesec dana, nije odigrao u naj-
boljem sastavu. Jedno vreme nije bilo Čurovića,
zatim se igralo bez Hazabeta, a prošle nedelje ne-
dostajali su heroji sidajski pobeđe Joe Carroll i
Vlatko Belic, koji je igrao zadnjih pola sata. Mnogi
timovi bi poklekali u ovakvim slučajevima, ali "pla-
vi" igraju sa istim odusevljenjem. Ovog puta ih je po-
sebno motivisao Tom Dockerty, koji je preterao sa
svojim izjavama štampi na racun J.U.S.T. ali njegove
igre. Dobio je zasluženu lekciju na terenu, dok su u ve-
rednji navijaci preterano reagirali. Zvizdici su bili
dovoljni, ali pljuvanje nema opravdanja, marocito
medju sportistima.

Najstreniji od svih u "plavom" taboru je svakako
trener Bobby MacLachlan, koji je hrabro preuzeo
krivu zahtevajući predsedniku Ziki Karicu, jer jedini
nije izgubio poverenje u njegovu sposobnost. Bilo je
gresaka (sto je potvrdio odlazak Gus McLeoda), ali i
"sabotaze" medju starim igračima. Jos uvek je neo-
pogodan stav Slobodana Jovanovica, koji mnogo
duguje "plavima" sto je svojim igračkim mogućnos-
tima mogao duplo dr vratiti i da postane heroj J.U.S.T.-
ovih navijaca, sto nije mala stvar.

Protiv Olympica zablistala su nova lica. Neo-
sporno, Ian Purdie je odigrao najbolju utakmicu od
kako je dosao u J.U.S.T. ali stvarni heroji su bili Graham
Futelli, Kiri Kyriakoulas i Vlatko Belic, koji je post-
igao zlatan gol u kritičnom trenutku. Kritica je bio
Brian O'Donnell, ali su se u greh ubrajali tri roma-
sena "sitera". Mludem Curovic je dobro poceo, ali
kasnije nije znao kako da se na vreme oslobodi lopte,
sto je moglo plavu da kosta "plave". Igor Hazabet je
opet bio onaj stari, iako je nekoliko puta zaboravio da



Zdravko Lujic (Footscray J.U.S.T.)

cuva na jopasnije krilo u Australiji. Kada svima ide,
onda lopta "nece" Zdravko Lujica.

Za sudiju mozemo reci da je pravio sitne greske, a
krupnije se sto nismo dobro videli zbog cega je do-
sudio jedanaesterac u korist J.U.S.T. ali i slobodan
udarac iz koga je Katosols izjednakao. Cak ni tele-
vizija nije mogla da nas uveri u sudijinu pravost.
Sledece nedelje J.U.S.T. opet igra na svom terenu
protiv Adelaide City, sto mu pruza priliku da se uc-
viri na sredini tabele.

MAKEDONIJA se vratila sa pobednickim oreolom
iz Adelaide, gde je pobedila Adelaide City sa 1:1 zah-
valjujuci Zarku Ozdakovici, koji se ponovo upisao
strelce. Makedonija je ostavila porok u svom terenu
protiv Adelaide City, sto mu pruza priliku da se uc-
viri na sredini tabele.

"PLAVE VECE" U "HAPPY BISTRU"

Navijaci i prijatelji J.U.S.T. iz Springvale i Dan-
denonga, koji ih sve vise u ovim krajevima posle ne-
davnih uspeha na zelenom polju, priredjuju jos jedne
"PLAVE VECE", ali ovog puta u popularnom rest-
orandu "Happy Bistr", gde svira odlican narodni or-
kestar sa poznatim pevacima. Razume se, pored koga
igraju se i moderne igre. Ulaz sa bogatom vecerom
kosta 10 dolara, a pice se kupuje posebno. "Plave
vece" se održava u subotu 20. avgusta od 7 casova
vece.

JUVENTUS SE NE PREDAJE

Dok Croatia i Ajax nastavljaju pobednicki hod, Ju-
ventus ih prati u stopu sa nadom da se oba okliznu, a
prilika ce biti u direktnim susretima. Prva prilika je
vec icedue nedelje 14. avgusta kada se sastaju Juventus
i Croatia, a nedelju dana kasnije Ajax i Juventus.

ALTONA GATE SE IZVUKLA IZ OPASNE ZONE

Moreland — Altona Gate/VARDAR 1:2 (0:2). Strel-
ci: Mendo Ristovski i Fred Beller. Sastav: C. Dimitri-
jevski, S. Dimovski (P. Kuzmanovski), J. Derivovski,
J. Serovski, S. Trajkovski, V. Koteski (D. Naumovski),
T. Atanasovski, F. Beller, M. Ristovski, C. Tade-
jevski, M. Micevski. Zasluzena pobeđa Vardara
iako je igrao bez bolesnog Vence Bozinovskog. Re-
zerva je pobedila sa 5:1. Strelci: Zlatko Veljanovski 2,
Dragi Naumovski, Bil Talevski i Lube Talevski. U ne-
delju 14. avgusta Altona Gate/Vardar docekuje na
svom igralistu Richmond, koji je prošle subote iz-
gubio od Western Suburbsa. Dragan Vasic nije imao
priliku da zatrese mrežu, ali jos uvek ubiđi vodi na
listi strelaca sa 16 golova.

RINGWOOD/SRBILJA SVE BLIZA VRHU TABELE

Keilor/Austria — Ringwood/Srbija 0:2. Sa utakni-
com manje u džepu Srbija je izbliza na peto mesto, sto
joj daje priliku da se bori za prva tri mesta i prelazak
u prvu diviziju. Sledece subote Ringwood/Srbija je
domacin Prahran/Slaviji, koje se nalazi na poslednjem
mestu druge divizije.

DRUGI TIM J.U.S.T. — Dandenong City 2:0 (0:0).
Strelci: Tomica Karic i Pavle Simic. Jedna od naj-
slabijih utakmica drugog tima J.U.S.T.-a, koji je nas-
tupio bez Emila Petrova i Nedeljka Rajica. Zanimi-
ljivo da "plavi" gube utakmicu koje dobro igraju, a
dobijaju slabo odigrane. Sastav: P. Hrehoresin, S.
Stojcević, M. Oblak, D. Smugrevski, Z. Krnic, P.
Krnicić, P. Simić, G. Brown (A. Reigosa), A.
Clayworth, T. Karic, C. Veleviski. U predgri rezervu
je takodje pobedila sa 2:0 (1:0). Strelci: Ivica Karic i
Roberto Fernandez. Sledece subote "plavi" odlaze u
goste Ardeuru, koji se grevito bori za opstanak.

DRUGI TIM MAKEDONIJE — Thomastown 1:3
(0:1). Dok je Makedonija igrala gosti su davali go-
love. Pocačni gol je postigao Con Stoykos. Sastav: J.
Marnatis, B. Momirovski, V. Stojanovski (P. Janku-
levski), J. Belevski, A. Christov, J. Tanevski, L. Ga-
levski, B. Atanasovski (L. Petrovski), C. Stoykos, D.
Nivevski, B. Karevski. Rezerva je izgubila sa 2:7
(1:0). U subotu 13. avgusta drugi tim Makedonije
odlazi u goste Heidelberg Unitedu.

PRVA PROVIZIONALNA DIVIZIJA

Monash University — HAWKSBURN 3:1 (2:1).
Jedini gol postigao je glavom Andras Kazi posle kor-
nera koji je izveo Steven Belskanj u 40. minutu. Naj-
bolji igrači: Steve Derok, Sander Kazi i Andras Se-
mes. Rezerve su igrali nerešeno 1:1 (1:0). Strelac
Slavko Drljic u 50. minutu. U subotu 13. avgusta
Hawksburn je domacin Shepparton Cityu.
Melton — Carlton/MLADOST 4:1. Tezak poraz Mla-
dosti, koji dovodi u pitanje opstanak u prvoj provizio-
nalnoj diviziji. U subotu 13. avgusta Carlton/Mladost
docekuje Lalor/Slugu, koja je prošle subote visoko
porazila Bulleen sa 4:0.

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO BEZ KONKUREN- CIJE

Dugo cekivani Jugo derbi trece provizionalne divi-
zije izmedju Pelistera i Bratstva/Jedinstva prakticno
je resio pitanje prvaka. "Plavci" iz Springvale zaslu-
zili su pobedu. "Plave" iz Pascoe Vale sa 4:1 (2:0).
Rezultat je previsok, jer je Pelister u polju bio rav-
nopravan protivnik, cak imae zrelije sance ali Bratst-

vo/Jedinstvo preciznije pucace. Strelci: Milenko
Calbrk 2, Dragoslav Jelacic i Milan Stojilovic za Pe-
lister. Sastav "plavci" iz Pascoe Vale: K. Avramovski,
I. Gardner, D. McLaughlan, Z. Risteviski, M. Dza-
novski, N. Lazareviski, G. Lazarou (T. Apostolovski), J.
Benalla, S. Valentino (A. Gasprini), T. Centarino, B.
Cotic. Na tabeli vodi Bratstvo/Jedinstvo sa 40 bodova
ispred Pelistera 32, Cheltenham 30, Altona/Vojvodina
27 i West Geelong/Makedonije po 27. Rezerva Pelis-
tera pobedila je sa 3:2 (2:0). Strelci: Viktor Zecovic 2
i Tom Apostolovski za Pelister, Steven Janjic 2 za
Bratstvo/Jedinstvo.

ALTONA/VOJVODINA — Brunswick City 4:2
(2:0). Strelci za Vojvodinu: Miki Cvetkovski 2, Steve
Donja i Slobodan Dimitrijeviski. Sastav: S. Peska, T.
Dimovski, G. Korovic, J. Pavic, P. Gallo, S. Vonja, S.
Dimitrijeviski, A. Miller, V. Dupor, M. Cvetkovski, A.
Micevski. Rezerve su igrali nerešeno 1:1 (1:1). Strel-
ci: Pavle Oravec.

U subotu 13. avgusta igraju se sledece utakmice:
University of Melbourne u Altona/Vojvodina, West
Geelong/Makedonija u Pascoe Vale/Pelister i
Springvale Ud/Bratstvo Jedinstvo u West Mel-
bourne.

INDUSTRIJSKA LIGA

ALTONA/ILINDEN — Bowater Scott 1:0 (1:0).
Pored tolikih snaga koje je imao, Ilinden ne bi pobedio
da gosti nisu zatresali sami svoju mrežu u 28. minutu.
Najbolji igrači bili su Jonce Palasovski i Risto Pilovski.
Rezerva Ilindena je visoko porazila goste sa 4:0.
Strelci: Kole Mladenovski i Jane Trajkovski po 2. Naj-
bolji igrači Kole Mladenovski i Kole Petrovski. U
nedelju 14. avgusta Ilinden je gost Leeco Holdingsa u
West Footscrayu.

AEP Melbourne — Tarax 5:1 (3:1). U pomoć "pla-
vi" veteranima su pritekli Ibro Hadziabdic, Branko
Gavran i Zeljko Mikulic posle je Bosna bila slobod-
na. Njih mnogo potpomoglo, jedino je Mujo Hadziabdic
postigao pocačni gol. Sledece nedelje Tarax je gost
Bowater Scotta na igralistu Aquinas College, Thomas
Street, Ringwood, My 49 J.10.

Footscray United/VARDAR Pbedo je Highpoint sa
4:1 i sacuvao prvo mesto na tabeli trece Industrijske
divizije.

Rezerva Crvene zvezde plasirala se u finale Ama-
terskog kupa pošto je pobedila Preston Fohorai sa 8:2
(3:0).

Amatersko prvenstvo se nastavlja u nedelju 14. av-
gusta sa sledecim utakmicama: Preston Fohorai v
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rian Eagles na Como Parku.

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H νέα νίκη της "Ελλάς Μελβούρνης" και μέλι
στα μέσα στο Νουκσολ, με την τοπική ομάδα
να μην είναι πάλι την ευκαιρία να γράψου-
με δυο λέγεια για τους έγχρωπους όχι μόνο
του Ουαϊτάτου τεχνικού Λέν Μακέντρου αλλά
και για εκείνους όλους που τόλμησαν να τή
βάλουν με τόν ελιτίσμο πρόδρομο του συλλό-
γου κ.Λεωβίδη "Λευκή" ο οποίος μαζί με
τὸ πρόλογο Δ.Συμβουλίου, πρετὴν μεγάλη
απόφαση να γίνει η διαταγή του τεχνικού.
Περτράνα λοιπόν αποβλήθηκε ότι αυτοί ο-
λοι που πήραν τὸ μέρος του Πάσι και όχι
της ΕΛΛΑΔ στην κρίση αυτή καμνή για τὸ
κυστέλλενο σωματείο ήταν ΣΧΩΡΟΙ της και
φέρελαν να την βλέπουν να βουλιάζει.

"Ήθελαν να βλέπουν να παραπατάει και σκο-
πὸς τους βασικούς να έβλεπαν την παρατή-
ση του Δ.Συμβουλίου.

Είπαν, πήγαν να κάνουν την ζημιά αλλά
δέν είχαν υπολογίσει την αξία του Μακέν-
τρου ούτε φυσικά τὸ πείσμα του Λευκή.
Τελικά άρχισαν να δικαιούνται όλοι οί
σωστοί άνθρωποι τὸ Δ.Συμβουλίου και δυ-
σταχώς άρχισαν να τῶνε τὴ χαστούκία τὸ
ένα πῶς ἀπ' ἄλλο οί ήθελαν ενδυσασμένοι
για τὴν ΕΛΛΑΔ Μελβούρνης, οί ήθελαν καλοθε-
λητές και οί σωστές.

Αυτομάτως τὸ δέν τὸν έγινε 4 χάρη, κρίμα
τὸ δέν πέτυχαν τὸν σκοπό τους με ἀποτέ-
λεσμα τώρα να λουφάσουν όλοι.

Και είμαστε βέβαιοι ότι μιά μέρα οί ίδιοι
αυτοί θα χεχάσουν τὸ κακό που πήγαν να κά-
νουν στην "Ελλάς και θα κάνουν πάλι τὸς
φίλους.

Γνωρίζει όμως και ο Λέν Μακέντρου και Λεω-
βίδη "Λευκή" τους άναβήσκους με τὴν δυὸ
πρόσωπα και αυτό καὸ μόνο φτάνει αφοῦ τῶ-
ρα ντρέπονται να τὸς αντικρίσουν.

TO AKOYAME KI' AYTO

Λίγο μετά τὸν άγώνα Μέντα - Μαρκόπου με

σα στὸ Πρές Ρομπ, άκούσαμε ένα αθλητικο-
γράφο να λέει: "Αδὸν ποὸ πράγματι λυά-
μαι ἀπὸ τὸν "Αλέξανδρο είναι οί πρόδρομοί οί
φιλέτιμοι Σάμ Νουκλίου".
Και δέν έχει άδικο ο άνθρωπος γιατί οί συμ-
παθείς Γκουλδπούλως καλέσει για τὸ μεγάλο
ο τὸ Μέντα και μέλιστα πολλές φορές κάτω
ἀπὸ αντίξοες συνθήκες.

ARISTH HON H ΔΙΑΤΗΡΕΙΑ ΤΟΥ Κ.ΒΟΥΤΣΙΝΑ

Εκακὸς πολλοί δυστυχώς φέλαθλο τὸν Μέντα
τὴ έβλεπαν με τὸν διατητή της συνάντησης
με τὸ Μαρκόπου την περασμένη Κυριακή.
"Άλλοι ζητούσαν πέναλτυ με τὸ παρακινῶ
και άλλοι γιουγκάζαν τὸν έλληνα ρεφερέ με
τέτοιο τρόπο ποὸ μὰς έκανε να άναρωτιά-
στε τὸ γιατί.

Και όμως με μιά άνατροπή ποὸ έγινε εις βά-
ρος τὸ Γιάνκοβιτς μέσα στην περιοχή τὸν
Μέντα στὰ τελευταία λεπτά, κανένας δέν δια-
μαρτυρήθηκε.

"Απὸ τὸ πῶστο μας οί Κ.Βουτσίνας πήρε άρι-
στα.

TO MAABEPH ΠΡΟΧΩΡΗΣΕ ΜΕ ΝΙΚΗ

Τὸ ΜΑΒΕΡΝ Είτν νίκησε 3-1 και τὸ Ρήτζεντ
συνεχίζοντας έτσι να βρίσκεται στην 1η θέ-
ση τὸ Βαθμολογικό πίνακα της Β' τὸ Προ-
βιζιοναλ μαζί με τὸ Λαυρόβ Χάλλαντ Πάρο.
"Η έλληνική ομάδα μέχρι τὸ 89" είχε προη-
γηθεί με 3-0 και με τέρματα τὸν Κυριαζό-
πουλου, Λιουζόβ και Δελγηγιάννυ.

"Ας σημειωθεί ότι στὸ 20" οί Λιουζόβς έχα-
σε πέναλτυ.

"Ήταν οί Μακέν, Σταθόπουλος, Μενίδης, Σα-
μερβίλ, Πετρόπουλος, Τσώκος, Λιουζόβς, Σαμα-
τζίς, Κυριόβης, Κυριαζόπουλος, Δελγηγιάννης.
"Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 4-2 (Τεωργιάδης 2, Χρο-
νός 2, Παλαμάρας).

ΕΚΑΕ ΤΟ ΚΟΛΩΝΗΝ

"Απὸ τὸ παντοχόρο Μόρνινγκτον έχασε τὸ Κώ

ληφνυτ 1-0 και άρχισε πλέον να μοιράζεται
την 1η θέση με τὸ "Ωάιλ".

"Η έλληνική ομάδα δέν μπόρεσε στὸ Α' μέρος
ποὸ είχε τὸν άέρα να σκοράρει με άποτέλε-
σμα στὴν έπανάληψη καὸ 59" να βεχθεί
τὸ μοναδικὸ τέρμα.

Στὸ 5' οί Πατσόκος έχασε μιά καλή ευκαιρία
καὸ τὸ ίδιο έγινε καὸ στὸ Β' μέρος ενὸ λί-
γο πριν τὴν λήξη σούτ τὸ Σωματείου πέρα
σε μέλις άουτ.

"Ήταν με τὴν ομάδα τὸν Τάκη Σβίγγου οί
Ταίλβις, Πριανταπαυλίδης, Μελέτης, Τυρίκος,
Τσιτρίδης, Κουλάκας, Πιτσόνης, Ειδηρόπουλος
Σταματέλος, Πατσόκος, Περισόβυ.

ΑΛΛΟΙ ΔΥΟ ΒΑΘΜΟΙ ΓΙΑ ΤΗΝ ΑΔΕΑ ΓΙΑΡΡΑΒΙΑ

Μετά ἀπὸ μέτριο άγώνα ποὸ τὸν έκανε οί δυ
νατὸς άέρας καὸ τὸ άκατάλληλο γήπεδο, ή άό-
ξα κέρρισε και τὸ Κλίντον μέσα στὸ γηπέδο
του 1-0 και συνεχίζει να είναι τὸ φαβορί
για τὴν κατάκτηση τὸν τίτλου της Α' κατηγο-
ρίας τὸν Προβιζιοναλ λίγκ.

"Η πρωτοπόρος και άήτητη άδρα πέτυχε τὸ
τέρμα της νίκης στὸ 69" με πέναλτυ ποὸ
κτύπησε οί Περίδης και τὸ όποιο κέρρισε οί
Λιακόπουλος.

"Η απονομή τὸν μέσου Τζιζή Δημητρίου ήταν
καὸ παραπάνω ἀπὸ εἰσθητό.

"Άρστη η διατηρία τὸν Κ.Ν.ΟΚΟΥ.

"Απὸ τὴν νίκη τὴ ήπια τὸ Λάββατο υπο-
δέχεται τὸ Λαγκουάριν στὸ Γιάρραβιλ καλῶ-
τεροι παίκτης ήταν οί Περίδης, Δ.Δημητρί-
ου και Γιαντάς οί όποιοι στὸ Α' μέρος έκα-
νε μιά φανταστική άπόκριση.

"Ήταν οί Γιαντάς, Σουλακίδης, Κουτρούβε-
λης, Δ.Δημητρίου, Περίδης, Βοβλγαρης, Χαλίπο
λίτης, Περίδης, Ξανθόπουλος, Λιακόπουλος, Ν.
Μελέτης.

Προπονητής: Μάκος Μήλιος.

"Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 3-1.

ΜΕΤΑΑΗ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΩΣΗΣ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ 5-1

Εκκολα ή "Ένωση Ποντίων νίκησε μέσα στὸ
γήπεδό της τὸ "Ωάιλ 5-1 για τὸ
πρωτάθλημα της Β' τὸ "Ινστιτούρια και συ-
νεχίζει να είναι στὴν 1η θέση και άήτητη
με στὸχο πλέον τὴν κατάκτηση τὸν τίτλου.
"Η έλληνική ομάδα άρχισε τὸν χορὸ τὸν τερ

μάτων με ένα περφόρμιο φάουλ τὸν Κουλοάνα
και στην συνέχεια οί Σ.Κουρούκίδης, Ίωση
φίδης, "Οτοβί και Πζέ Κατόλινο έκαναν τὸ
σκόρ 5-1 ενὸ χάπταν καλὴ ευκαιρία.
"Απὸ τὴν νίκη τὴ δέν δώτησε κανένας.
"Ήταν οί άόης, Κωνσταντάρας, Μπασιόπουλος
Μήλιος, Κουλοάνας, Ξωτάρων, "Οτοβί (70" Χαί
τίδης), Τζιόβ. Κατόλινο, Σ.Κουρούκίδης, "Ιω
σηφίδης, Τζέ Κατόλινο.

ΤΟ ΚΥΡΕΑΟ ΝΕΑΝΙΚ

"Ακούσαμε ότι ή Επιστροφή τὸ "Έλληνικό
Κυπέλλο τελειώσ ζαφυνικά έπρότρεσε τὸ Κε-
πέλλο Χελλένικ ἀπὸ τὸ Ιο "Έλληνικό Κυπέ-
λλο ποὸ έγινε στὸ Πόρτ Μέλμπουρν, στὸν 50ν
δραμο Χελλένικ και άήλανε δέν αέλου
τά σωματεία τὴν συνεργασία του, καὸ ποὸ
είχε ζητηθεί πριν τὴν διοργάνωση τὸν Ιου
θερινό τουρνουά.
Οί λόγιο δέν έγιναν ακούη γνωστοί αλλά
μάεμας ότι οί Σύνδεσμοι Χελλένικ δέν έχει
διάθεση να συνεχίζει τὴν συνεργασία.

ΤΟ ΤΟΥΡΝΟΥΑ ΤΗΣ ΕΝΩΣΗΣ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ

Δέν άποκλείεται τὸ ποσὸν για τὴν 1η ομάδα
ποὸ θα καταντίσει τὸ Κεπέλλο τὸν θερινό.
Κυπέλλο τὴν "Ένωση Ποντίων ποὸ θα γίνει
τὸν Νοέμβιο στὸ γηπέδο της, να ξεπερνάει
τὸ ποσὸν τὸν 1000 δολλάρων.
Είπιοι οί διάδες ποὸ κατὰλάνουν τὴν 2η, 3η
και 4η θέση θα πάρουν χρηματικά ποσά.

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(Adelaide City)



BRIAN O'DONNELL
(Footscray)

Previous results

'77.....	3-4
'78.....	0-1
'79.....	0-2
'80.....	1-3
'81.....	1-1
'82.....	2-2



KEN MURPHY
(South Melbourne)

**SOUTH
MELBOURNE
v
LEICHHARDT**

**Middle Park
K.O 3 pm**

Previous results

'77.....	—
'78.....	—
'79.....	1-2
'80.....	1-0
'81.....	4-1
'82.....	3-1



PETER SHARNE
(Leichhardt)